



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Obagi (arrived at 4:34 p.m.), Mayor Light

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Melissa Villa, Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None

Analyst Villa reported there were no Blue Folder Items.

Councilmember Nehrenheim arrived at this juncture. (4:33 p.m.)

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Analyst Villa announced receiving one eComment regarding Item No. F.6.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 4:35 p.m.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of Case:

Don B. Laughton v. City of Redondo Beach; Redondo Beach Unified School District, DOES 1-50

Case Number: 23TRCV00414

- F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board

Case Number: 20STCP03193

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

In re 9300 Wilshire LLC

Bankruptcy C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCP02189

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive

Case Number: 23TRCP00325

- F.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCV10146

- F.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case: New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach
Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

- F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.

Case Number: 23STCP00426

- F.9. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

230 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7503-029-903)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

John Warner, Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles, a non-profit corporation

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Terms

- F.10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Brian Campbell, BC Urban

PROPERTY:

100 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 130 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7505-002-932)

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:
Jeff Jones, Quality Seafood, Inc.**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:
Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

F.11. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:
Mike Witzansky, City Manager Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director**

**PROPERTY:
Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, Seaside Lagoon, and California Surf Club 239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:
Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:
Price and Terms**

Analyst Villa read title to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

Councilmember Obagi arrived at this juncture. (4:34 p.m.)

City Manager Witzansky announced that the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich, Outside Legal Counsel Alexander Frank and Outside Leasing Consultant Brian Campbell.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and carried by voice vote, to recess to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Laura Diaz, Records Mgmt. Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky announced there were no reportable actions taken by City Council during Closed Session.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and carried by voice vote, to adjourn to the regular meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0.

6:00 PM – OPEN SESSION – REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Laura Diaz, Records Mgmt. Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Light invited Veterans and Active Military to stand and recognized them for their service.

India, 5th grader at Jefferson Elementary School led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/AB 1234 TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORTS

D.1. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF FEBRUARY 2025 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN REDONDO BEACH

On behalf of Council, Mayor Light presented a proclamation to Tonya McKenzie, representing L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office declaring February 2025 as Black History Month in Redondo Beach.

Tonya McKenzie expressed her appreciation for the recognition and recognized many of the African American influencers in Redondo Beach from educators to officers; mentioned she is honored to be a part of the Redondo Beach community.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reminded residents to vote in the upcoming elections.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced the February District 2 community meeting will be held tomorrow night on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.; announced it will be his last official District 2 community meeting.

Councilmember Kaluderovic announced a candidate forum on Thursday and reported there will be no community meeting for District 3 in February.

Councilmember Obagi reported the candidate forum on Thursday will be hosted by Dr. Goodloe and reported there will be no District 4 community meeting in February, but residents can call him with any concerns and encouraged residents to vote.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

F. AGENCY RECESS – None

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

G.1 For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the City Council Meeting

City Clerk Manzano reported Blue Folder Items for Item No. H.8, H.14, J.1, N.1 and L.1.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and

approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

The motion carried 5-0.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: A. OCTOBER 29, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING B. NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

**CHECKS 30113-30128 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,605.89, PD. 2/14/25
DIRECT DEPOSIT 290810-291433 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,391,687.69, PD. 2/14/25
EFT/ACH \$448,436.10, PD. 2/10/25 (PP2502)
EFT/ACH \$463,987.07, PD. 2/24/25 (PP2503)**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

**CHECKS 118041-118261 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,283,401.40
REPLACEMENT DEMANDS 118039-118040**

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:

1. APPROVE A LETTER OF AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAN ENERGY RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC TO COMPLY WITH U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BIOGAS REGULATORY REFORM RULE (BRRR) AMENDING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE GENERATION OF RENEWABLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (RINS) ON RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG), EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AMENDED BY THIS LETTER OF AMENDMENT, ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL

FORCE AND EFFECT

2. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH 1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER, INC. FOR SHELTER AND COUNSELING SERVICES FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,716 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

3. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,900 AND THE TERM JULY 12, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

4. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER, INC., DBA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER, FOR FAIR HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

5. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, REDONDO BEACH, INC. FOR A PROJECT NEEDS PROGRAM FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,869 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

6. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH VENICE FAMILY CLINIC, INC. FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,900 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

7. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate consideration.

8. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate consideration.

9. APPROVE A THIRD-PARTY JOINT PAYEE CHECK DEPOSIT INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. ALLOWING THE BANK TO DEPOSIT CHECKS THAT MAY HAVE A VARIATION OF THE PAYEE NAME AT NO COST TO THE CITY UNTIL TERMINATED

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.6. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH BKF ENGINEERS TO ASSIST WITH DESIGN OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMUNICATION AND NETWORK SYSTEM - PHASE 2 PROJECT

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.7. APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SCE RIGHT OF WAY WEST OF PCH LANDSCAPE PROJECT - PHASE 1, JOB NO. 30850, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.8. APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LOCAL TRAVEL NETWORK PROJECT, JOB NO. 40470, AND A MEASURE M FUNDING AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.9. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD MAVERICK XL HYBRID TRUCK FROM COLLEY AUTO CARS, INC. (COLLEY FORD) FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,005 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.10. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TEXTILE MAINTENANCE COMPANY, DBA MEDICO PROFESSIONAL LINEN SERVICE, FOR THE SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF BEDDING AND LINENS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL FACILITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 PER YEAR, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2030**

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

- H.11. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2502-005, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR PREPARATION OF A CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT**

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.12. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion.**

H.13. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2502-006, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE REDONDO BEACH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION/FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT FROM JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

CONTACT: DIANE STRICKFADEN, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

H.14. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion.

H.15. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH BAY BOARDRIDER'S CLUB FOR USE OF THE HISTORIC LIBRARY IN VETERANS PARK FOR A CANDIDATE FORUM TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2025

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

H.16. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion.

H.17. APPROVE HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 216 AND 218 NORTH CATALINA AVENUE WITHIN A DESIGNATED HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS WITH AUTOMATIC RENEWAL EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER

CONTACT: MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

H.18. INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3290-25, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 24 TO TITLE 4 REGARDING SOUND AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT AND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 1 REGARDING INFRACTIONS, FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

H.19. APPROVE A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WAIVER APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY H2O EVENTS, LLC REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES ESTABLISHED IN REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6-1.22, AS PER SECTION 6-1.08 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE HOLI ON THE BEACH 2025 EVENT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8, 2025

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

H.20. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 8, 2024

CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER

Councilmember Nehrenheim pulled Item No. H.14 for separate discussion.

Councilmember Loewenstein pulled Item No. H.12 for separate discussion.

Councilmember Behrendt pulled Items No. H.5.7, H.5.8 and H.16.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve the Consent Calendar except for Items No. H.5.7, H.5.8, H.12, H.14 and H.16 which were pulled for separate discussion.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Sheila Lamb (via Zoom), referenced Item No. H.17 and thanked the owners, architects, and City staff for advancing the preservation of the historical homes on Catalina Avenue.

There were no other public comments.

The motion carried 5-0, by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Resolutions No. CC-2502-005 and CC-2502-006 and Ordinance No. 3290-25.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:

7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MELINDA LAU FOR PREPARATION OF MINUTES FOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$75 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE AGREEMENT AND 7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MELINDA LAU FOR PREPARATION OF MINUTES FOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$75 PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE AGREEMENT AND \$85 PER HOUR THEREAFTER AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 18, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 17, 2026,

Councilmember Behrendt reported he pulled this item in light of recent discussions regarding embracing technology in preparation of meeting minutes; suggested exploring having the minutes produced with AI technology and issuing an RFP for vendors to present to Council for automated minute preparation; talked about the costs of minute services and suggested the City could find efficiencies including reducing the term of this contract for three months to get things moving.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Councilmember Behrendt for bringing up the matter and in reply to his question regarding whether an RFP is the appropriate vehicle to find vendors, City Manager Witzansky agreed a request for information or proposal would be the way to solicit different options; noted this falls under the City Clerk's duties; reported he is happy to support that effort with some administrative personnel to help research the options and seek available technology that would assist in making the process more efficient; believed it will still require some form of human monitoring and agreed there are efficiencies that could be achieved.

City Manager Manzano noted the contract is for one year; spoke about the need to get started on Granicus after the election; felt that three months is not long enough; asserted the need for two minute secretaries, at least for one year, while staff looks at other alternatives.

Discussion followed regarding the contract having a termination clause, keeping the current track in place but moving diligently to pursue an automated system and the need for a human to monitor the transcription.

Councilmember Obagi suggested deleting the sentence that indicates the contract will renew automatically after one year and noted the challenge with AI is that it does not identify who is speaking.

Councilmember Nehrenheim agreed with Councilmember Behrendt; spoke about AI technology used in other meetings and about challenges with the systems and supported the idea of a one-year term for the subject contract and requiring Council review to renew the contract, if desired.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted AI is not where the City needs it to be; added it is only as good as the people who speak; agreed with looking into it and other labor and time saving devices and suggested a term of six months because the switch to Granicus has taken too long.

City Clerk Manzano reported extension of the contract would not be automatic.

City Attorney Webb (via Zoom) stated the extension would be automatic unless the City Clerk sends a letter providing written notice of a non-renewal and noted the termination provision trumps that.

Discussion followed regarding a realistic timeline for the RFP and City Manager Witzansky suggested staff could return with a report by the beginning of June with the RFP going out prior to June. City Manager Witzansky noted that ideally, this would be part of the budget conversation.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved

by voice vote, to strike the one-year extension on the contract, require Council's affirmative approval of a renewal, issue an RFP or RFI within three months for AI minute transcription services and return with a report in June as part of BRRs.

The motion carried 5-0.

8. APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPLETE PAPERLESS SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR ADDITIONAL LASERFICHE USER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$16,269.86 AND THE EXISTING TERM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Councilmember Behrendt announced he pulled this item as he needs to abstain.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, Item No. H.5.8.

The motion carried 4-0-1. Councilmember Behrendt, abstained.

H.12. APPROVE THE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND LGW INVESTMENTS, LLC TO ENTER INTO A NEW LONG-TERM LEASE OF THE PORT ROYAL MARINA FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE IDENTIFIED PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he pulled this item because of its size; noted it is a long-term agreement and there are many boaters in the community including live-a boards, referenced proposed improvements and asked for a report from staff.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich talked about the opportunity to invest in the Port Royal Marina and discussed needed approvals and permits, thresholds that must be met, and proposed improvements by the private sector; stated it will be a 50-year lease.

Kevin Ketchum, Port Royal Marina, LGW, spoke about their involvement with the City and their plan for a first class recreational yacht marina; noted the lease is not being approved tonight, but rather they are laying out the groundwork to find out what is needed to return with a real project to start immediately.

Councilmember Loewenstein indicated he is thrilled this is moving forward; thanked the applicant and looked forward to the improvements.

Councilmember Nehrenheim provided a history of the leasehold and expiration of the lease; discussed checks and balances; talked about learning a lot over the last

few years about live-a-boards, fees, expenses, master leases, etc.; noted this lease is just a structure to get the City to 2031 and then it kicks off for another 50 year lease.

Discussion followed regarding needed entitlements, attention to Council's and the Mayor's concerns, starting the process within a year, slip fees and the operator's reputation with the community.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, Item No. H.12, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

H.14. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3287-25 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 6 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3288-25 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2 SECTION 10-2.1626 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES INLAND ZONES OF THE CITY. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3289-25 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5 SECTION 10-5.1626 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES COASTAL ZONES OF THE CITY. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Councilmember Nehrenheim reported he voted against this item, last week; reported Council sent the item to the Planning Commission; spoke about minor changes for Dale Page Park and major amendments that were made during the last City Council meeting; opined it was not agendized as such and asked whether it needs to be sent back to the Planning Commission for the major changes.

Community Development Director Wiener stated the law is not clear as to what extent the item needs to go back to the Planning Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Park stated she did not believe it needs to go back to the Planning Commission; noted Council could have moved to send it back to the Planning Commission and understood Council adopted one of the recommendations of the Planning Commission. She did not believe the City violated any state law or city ordinance by not sending it back to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asserted that he would like to send it back to the Planning Commission to consider Artesia Boulevard as a whole; talked about a major portion of Artesia being excluded from the ordinance; felt the items were not dealt with according to how it was noticed and spoke in favor of sending the ordinance back to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Obagi confirmed Artesia Boulevard between Aviation and Inglewood was excluded; reported it sent everyone on Aviation into a panic and that it is the most ill-suited space for a cannabis store because of the lack of parking, loitering, and petty crimes associated with a previous unlawful cannabis dispensary on Aviation. He asked that Council approve an amendment that there be no cannabis dispensaries on Aviation.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi to adopt by title only Ordinance No. 3287-25, 3288-25 and 3289-25 as amended, to exclude from the zoning map, any portions of Aviation where it currently would allow them.

The motion died for lack of a second.

City Manager Witzansky reported if that is Council's desire, the item will need to be reintroduced and scheduled for a public hearing; suggested scheduling for March 11th and noting the change cannot be made tonight.

City Attorney Webb (via Zoom) reported that the Charter provides that the item be reintroduced; stated it could be reintroduced tonight, if the language is clear as to where the change is being made, and it could be adopted at the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Obagi regretted the delay; noted he should have made this decision on the spot and offered to work on the motion language.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Jim Muller, District 5, thanked the Mayor for sharing his opinion about cannabis; spoke against allowing private cultivation processing of the plant and its products; urged the Mayor to encourage Council to make illegal the selling of cannabis cultivation tools and supplies and the private cultivation and processing.

Melissa DeChandt, District 1, urged Council to consider a delivery-only model and direct staff to investigate other cities that have a successful delivery-only model

(mentioned Thousand Oaks); spoke about SB 1186 allowing for medicinal delivery; suggested passing a tax for medicinal delivery and urged Council to listen to residents about this matter.

Mary Claire Scanlon, District 1, spoke in opposition to the cannabis ordinance; talked about youth use increasing and urged Council to consider a delivery-only model.

Courtney Caron noted a delivery-only model does not solve the problem of cannabis being on the City's beaches; reported delivery models are failing across all of California; urged Council to continue the process and asked that Council make it clear as to the reasons for changing the zoning to not allow cannabis retail in specific areas and identifying those areas; spoke about the difficulty of finding suitable properties for applicants to locate their stores; spoke about applicants with beautifully laid out store designs for their cannabis businesses and asked Council to be careful when saying where a retailer can and cannot locate his/her store. Additionally, she referenced a veto power by Councilmembers and stated she could not find anything in the City code allowing that; spoke about being clear as to what Councilmembers are allowed to do.

Nikki Vasquez spoke in opposition to cannabis storefronts in Redondo Beach and urged Council to respect the wishes of their constituents and do the right thing.

Karina Nelson, District 2, spoke in opposition to cannabis storefronts in Redondo Beach; stated that any retail store needs advertising and that will reach the youth of Redondo; talked about having a delivery-only model and urged Council to the not to have storefront cannabis retail stores in the City.

Claudia Angulo, District 1, spoke in opposition to cannabis storefronts in Redondo Beach; talked about marijuana being a gateway drug for the youth and potential contamination of the products; suggested a delivery-only model and noted Redondo Beach is family-oriented community and does not want this to change.

Tony Czuleger, District 4, spoke about his experience with leasing to a vape shop; mentioned it was shut down due to students having them at school; stated vaping products and cannabis should not be allowed to be sold in Redondo Beach; talked about needing to address the issue and opposed the sale of cannabis in the City.

Andy Porkchop, Torrance, spoke about how nice Redondo Beach Council is compared to Torrance and suggested having a shuttle service to transport people to cannabis retailers and locating stores near restaurants. He mentioned it took him longer to quit smoking than cocaine.

Joan Irvine, District 1, believed that having highly regulated dispensaries is the best way to protect the City's youth; noted she has 25 years of Child Protection Technology experience; talked about challenges in getting businesses to come to Redondo Beach and about business decisions that have already been made based

on the buffer map issued by the City.

D. Seeker, District 5, opined the Country is being destroyed from within; talked about major challenges on every front and about the number of people who die yearly from fentanyl; noted there are other ways to raise revenue in the City; addressed the need to promote healthy living and felt Council is opening a door that should not be opened.

Jimena Cabrera, District 3, spoke in opposition to retail cannabis dispensaries in Redondo Beach; discussed support of a ban on cannabis and urged Council to respect the people's wishes.

Hersh Jain (via Zoom) talked about youth cannabis use; noted that data shows that states and cities that have licensed cannabis dispensaries see decreased youth cannabis use; reported that cannabis is a gateway drug when it is in the hands of illicit drug dealers; asserted that states and cities that legalize cannabis use see a decrease in the use of fentanyl because cannabis is a healthier alternative and talked about some of the cannabis retailers who want to set up shop in Redondo Beach offer a professional atmosphere for cannabis. Additionally, he explained that only illicit cannabis is being sent through the mail.

Timothy Dodd (via Zoom) Sweet Flower, agreed with the comments on previous speakers advocating for retail cannabis stores in Redondo Beach; he felt that excluding areas on Artesia will have the unintended consequences of cannabis business predominantly removes District 4 and District 5 as a location; noted there are limited properties available in Redondo Beach; asserted the need for certainty and clarity regarding the rules and talked about wanting a viable business that is not saturated and one that is in a viable retail corridor. He opined this is a quick change, with substantive consequences and the way it is shaping up will be to the detriment of the business and of the City.

Susan Ruben (via Zoom) District 5, expressed concerns with the proposed ordinance; spoke about keeping a safe environment in a family-oriented community and opined that having retail cannabis in Redondo Beach is a bad idea.

Marsha Guillermo (via Zoom) District 1, spoke in opposition to cannabis retail stores in Redondo Beach; talked about regulations versus restrictions and the need for enforcement and urged Council to listen to the residents and not the vendors.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving 68 eComments: 5 in support of the ordinance and 61 opposed, 0 neutral and the rest had no position.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Slide 3A; addressed previous unlawful cannabis dispensaries, enforcement actions and costs to the City; asserted it is time for a change; referenced the Blue Folder Item amending the ordinance and proposed an additional change to include that "no retailer shall be established or located on

Artesia Boulevard, west of Inglewood Avenue or on Aviation Boulevard, south of Artesia Boulevard. He added that this is creating the rule by which everyone can live by and spoke about locations in Districts 4 and 5 where cannabis is allowed.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to adopt by title only Ordinances No. 3287-25, 3288-25 and 3289-25 as amended to add the exclusion of Aviation Boulevard, south of Artesia Boulevard from having retail cannabis stores.

City Manager Witzansky reported that Council may introduce the ordinance with the amendment but cannot adopt it.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported that after the last meeting, Council made a significant change to the zoning map; felt Council is moving away from an objective criteria and making it more subjective; expressed hesitation to support this and stressed the City is not opening this up for applications tonight; talked about protecting kids but now knowing where they will hang out in the future and worried the City would just be chasing its tail.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced the big lease signed tonight and spoke about responsible implementation and responsible path; mentioned a lot of new voices spoke out tonight about cannabis; noted for years he has spoken about cannabis and expressed concerns about the comments that were made tonight.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to send this item, with the proposed amendments, to the Planning Commission for review and have them provide input and return with a report to City Council.

Discussion followed regarding changes to the buffer maps and the need for input on that from the Planning Commission because of the proposed substantive changes.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about the importance of listening, learning and implementing.

Councilmember Loewenstein spoke about the Planning Commission already weighing in and was unsure their recommendations will change.

The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested to Councilmember Behrendt to vote no on the motion on the floor.

The motion failed 2-3, by voice vote, with Councilmembers Behrendt, Kaluderovic and Nehrenheim, opposed.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and

approved by voice vote, to reconsider this item.

The motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Obagi stated that if staff brings a finalist on Aviation, he will not vote for it and will try to get the Mayor to veto it and expressed concerns it will overflow into the neighborhoods.

City Attorney Webb (via Zoom) expressed concerns that it would go to Council, only on appeal; he talked about a provision about not locating a store where there has been enforcement activities in the past three or five years; suggested Council could extend that.

Councilmember Loewenstein talked about concerns that landlords would not allow cannabis retailers on their properties and the matter having to do with federal loans.

Councilmember Obagi proposed, as a compromise, to allow retailers on Artesia, but not on Aviation; presented images of a store, The Leaf, in Palm Desert.

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned the ordinance and the application meant to address all of the concerns regarding objectively picking out of the buffer map; talked about being able to find issues with any location and spoke against nit-picking it.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, the buffer map, as it was presented at the last City Council meeting, with separation by zip code, the 1,000-foot buffer.

Councilmember Behrendt expressed disappointment at the idea that Artesia Boulevard will be put back into play.

Councilmember Loewenstein withdrew his second on the motion and opined that Aviation should not be excluded at this point.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the current cannabis ordinance, as it stands.

The motion failed 2-3 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Behrendt, Loewenstein
NOES:	Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Councilmember Behrendt talked about reaching a compromise by addressing

Aviation at a later time but keeping the exclusion for Artesia Boulevard.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to reconsider this item.

The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to send this back to the Planning Commission to get their input on excluding Aviation and Artesia Boulevard and return to Council with a recommendation.

Discussion followed regarding blocking out a smaller portion of Artesia Boulevard, excluding cannabis retailers on Artesia, west of Perkins, with the exemption of the property immediately touching Perkins.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to reintroduce the three ordinances as amended to reduce the exclusion of Artesia to everything “west of Felton Lane”.

Councilmember Nehrenheim talked about excluding areas where there have been prior instances of enforcement action against illegal cannabis activity; suggested adding a buffer of 100 feet around any location that has had a prior enforcement action against it and talked about having an objective standard to keep out of Redondo, arbitrary and capricious types of standard setting and including smoke shops.

Discussion followed regarding the need to redo the maps, bringing the matter back to see how that would affect the existing map.

Substitute, substitute motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to reintroduce the three ordinances as amended to reduce the exclusion of Artesia to everything “west of Felton Lane” and add a buffer of 100 feet around any location that has had a prior enforcement action against it.

The substitute, substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned if that is the case, the matter should return to consider what the buffer needs to be.

The substitute motion carried 4-1-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Obagi
NOES:	Nehrenheim
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Ordinances No. 3287-25, 3288-25 and 3289-25.

H.16. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY TREASURER'S QUARTER 2 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 REPORT

CONTACT: EUGENE SOLOMON, CITY TREASURER

Councilmember Behrendt talked about the City's yield, safety and liquidity and noted Redondo Beach is below other cities in terms of its yield; mentioned the City is below the benchmark yield of 4%, stated the City is getting about 3%; stated other cities are getting higher percentages and wanted to know why.

Councilmember Obagi left the chambers.

City Treasurer Solomon introduced himself and Deputy City Treasurer Nilesh Mehta; City Treasurer Solomon provided visual slides and details of the City's Investment Report and discussed benchmarks and yields; reported the City is reinvesting in money markets and other liquid funds and when there are opportunities to take duration, the City could lock in yields in excess of 4%. Additionally, he addressed steps to continue discussions on this item and encouraged Council to reach out to his department with questions.

Discussion followed regarding maturity dates and reasons for the decisions.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report under Item No. H.16.

The motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Obagi was absent.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

Councilmember Kaluderovic left the chambers.

Jim Mueller expressed concerns regarding declining tax revenue to support City services; talked about changes in the North Redondo community and Artesia/Aviation businesses; referenced the Artesia Community Project; suggested scheduling events that create a sense of place such as farmers' markets, movie nights and other activities and noted that with a steady effort, the City will see growing improvements.

Elaine Sieker, District 5, talked about the leaf blower ordinance and amending it to allow battery-powered blowers; reported there has been a resurgence of gas powered leaf blowers.

Councilmember Kaluderovic returned to the chambers.

Councilmember Obagi left the chambers.

Elaine Sieker urged action to stop polluting the environment with noise and debris with motorized leaf blowers; thanked Councilmember Loewenstein for his efforts on this matter and hoped Council will consider a ban on all motorized leaf blowers; asked to submit her speech for the record.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Elaine Sieker's written comments.

The motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Obagi was absent.

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

Rick MacMillan provided a status update of the Artesia Community Project; talked about the various modules and ideas to revive local business; voiced concerns about the loss of major retailers in the area; reported his business is focused on a renewal of local retail through community commerce; opined people's social, civic, and economic lives suffer without interaction with the real world; listed the benefits of his community commerce concept; mentioned interest by the Galleria and the possibility of a new tech business on Artesia.

Christopher D. Boyle spoke about the need for Redondo Beach to cleanse its image; talked about problems with previous Councils; referenced a Councilmember who was barred from practicing law for two years; reported reading the indictment and felt there were lots of issues with the facts as they were plead to and accepted; talked about the Councilmember being a practicing attorney and having a protected client trust account and alleged there was \$1 million wire transferred into that account that the Councilmember claims he had no knowledge of the source, yet he certified there were no irregularities with the account. He expressed disappointment in the Councilmember and the Council at large for remaining silent on this matter.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Jess Money's written comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Jess Money talked about learning that Councilmember Obagi submitted a letter notifying the City he has entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office for multiple felony fraud charges involving \$500,000 he stole from a client; read from the agreement; felt that his fitness to hold office requires serious public examination; spoke about crimes of moral turpitude and urged Council to remove him or he will go to court to get it done.

Mayor Light left the chambers.

Tony Czuleger spoke about the Galleria Mall and specifically about the 350 apartment units in relation to the Galleria; hoped the deal was not done since it is the first he has heard of it and would like the City to send letters out to inform residents in the area of projects such as these; addressed repaving Grant Avenue and suggested repaving just the east and west lanes to save money since those are the only parts damaged; recommended forming a resident committee to obtain input on Fire Stations; noted a relative who is a Fire Fighter and was involved in building a new Fire Station in Santa Barbara County; suggested to look at the Manhattan Beach Fire Station.

Mayor Light returned to the chambers.

Tony Czuleger referenced Station 1 and suggested building the station behind City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Tony Czuleger's written comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Loewenstein left the chambers.

Andy Porkchop reported the City of Torrance tried to annex El Camino Village; suggested it would be a good opportunity for Redondo Beach to expand the City, since Torrance does not have the money; talked about retail business declining and replacing it with other revenue generating activities.

Councilmember Loewenstein returned to the chambers.

Councilmember Behrendt left the chambers.

Sheila Lamb (via Zoom), District 4, talked about the U.S. Attorney's office filing charges against Councilmember Obagi for wire fraud and honest services fraud and reported the charges have been deferred for three years under an agreement; stated that although it is not a conviction, it means that the government had enough evidence to prosecute and he agreed to the conditions in order to avoid trial. She added that Councilmember Obagi agreed that the facts of the case are true and noted that the crimes are normally considered crimes of moral turpitude under legal and ethical standards.

Councilmember Behrendt returned to the chambers.

Sheila Lamb (via Zoom) felt those types of offenses indicate dishonesty, fraud, deceit, theft or intent to harm others; opined his past actions lack the integrity and accountability

expected of a City Councilmember and raises concerns about his ability to represent residents fairly and responsibly; claimed Councilmembers and the City Attorney's office has endorsed him and funded his campaign knowing the charges were made but chose to look the other way. Additionally, she called on Council to bring forth the allegations in a community forum to allow residents to voice their concerns.

Mr. W. (via Zoom) alleged the City is allowing crimes to be committed to residents and the police are refusing to arrest and prosecute perpetrators; listed crimes that are being committed by Andy Porkchop; talked about Andy Porkchop violating the law and being allowed to address Council and opined the police refuse to arrest him.

Jill Love, Oliver Love's mother, noted that Oliver is a 10 year old, 5th grader; requested permission for Oliver to address Item No. N.1 before his bed time and Mayor Light noted it was not moved forward in the agenda.

Mayor Light announced the 30 minutes allowed for public comments has ended and closed public comments.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Loewenstein reported speaking with staff regarding Item No. L.1.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking with staff.

Mayor Light reported speaking with staff.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 2 (ZONING ORDINANCE) AND 5 (COASTAL LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE) OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COASTAL LAND USE PLAN RELATED TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS WITHIN THE HARBOR/PIER SPECIAL DISTRICT, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A CLASS 11 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE AMENDMENTS

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Open the public hearing, take testimony and deliberate;**
- 2. Close the public hearing; and**
- 3. Introduce the following ordinance and adopt the following resolution:**

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3291-25, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA,

AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTERS 2 (ZONING ORDINANCE) AND 5 (COASTAL LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE) OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY SIGNS. FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2502-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COASTAL LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE (TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE), PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY SIGNS, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE COASTAL ACT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM WILL TAKE EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY UPON COASTAL COMMISSION APPROVAL PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 30514 AND TITLE 14, SECTION 13551 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

CONTACT: MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to open the public hearing.

The motion carried 5-0.

Community Development Director Wiener narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the item; discussed a Blue Folder Item with proposed text amendments to the ordinance and addressed procedures and recommended actions.

Discussion followed regarding drive-up signs, changing technology, exploring allowing drive-up signs and keeping static display signs in the Harbor.

Councilmember Obagi left the chambers.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned there was a serious breakdown in the practice, procedures, and safeguards with respect to what was presented to Council; reported the ordinance as presented, without showing redlines, was exactly the opposite of what was approved by Council. He asked about safeguards that will be put in place to avoid that in the future.

City Manager Witzansky referenced Subsection F that was identified in the Blue Folder change; stated that the provision was copied down into the redline document that was attached, it appeared that it was the original language in the ordinance, but in reality it was one of the drafted provisions that had worked its way through suggested ordinance changes as part of the Planning Commission review.

Additionally, he asserted it was corrected in other areas in the redline, just not that particular subsection and explained procedures going forward.

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Andy Porkchop spoke in favor of lights and signs, especially to inform people of emergency situations.

Councilmember Behrendt left the chambers.

Candace Nafissi (via Zoom) District 3, talked about electric signs with the ability to scroll; mentioned the upcoming election and urged residents to pay attention to the District 1 race and spoke in support of Rolf Strutzenberg.

Councilmember Behrendt returned to the chambers.

Sheila Lamb (via Zoom), District 4, felt it does not make sense using electronic signs when people now use their phones for wayfinding; believes electronic signs will become archaic.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to close the public hearing.

The motion carried 5-0.

Assistant City Attorney Park corrected a typographical error in the ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to introduce by title only, Ordinance No. 3291-25 and Resolution No. CC-2502-008, as amended with Blue Folder Items.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Ordinance No. 3291-25 and Resolution No. CC-2502-008.

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW

RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 MIDYEAR BUDGET REPORT AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS

RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2502-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

City Manager Witzansky introduced the item; provided a high-level summary of the report; spoke about additional pressures in specific funds; urged Council to be judicious and prudent as the City goes into the budget season and deferred to staff for a report.

Interim Finance Director Meyer narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the 2024-25 midyear budget report, decision packages, internal services and recommended changes.

CIP Manager Reyes narrated a PowerPoint presentation with an update of the FY 24-25 CIP program.

City Manager Witzansky responded to questions from Council.

Discussion followed regarding tracking completed projects, the possibility of including two design categories (pre-design and design), projected construction projects this year, BRRs, the need for direction tonight regarding the July fireworks celebration, pro rating parking permits without impacts on the budget, updating the resolution to reflect the pro rating, steps associated with the TOT BRR and bringing money into the City as quickly as possible.

Interim Finance Director Meyer addressed recommended actions and offered to respond to questions from Council.

Mayor Light mentioned getting broad schedules for the projects; noted the need to use clear semantics to avoid false expectations; spoke about replacing the Veterans Park plaques and making a decision on fee waivers for the Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club as their event is coming up.

In reply to Councilmember Obagi's question regarding the Marine Avenue Hotels, City Manager Witzansky provided an update; reported staff will be evaluating figures within the next couple of days; stated the City has hired the firm to begin the audit process and staff is forecasting the TOT rate from those hotels over the course of the fiscal year that

staff had expected as part of the adopted budget.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Slide 3A and suggested adding to the CIP, without funding, to repair the ceiling above the International Boardwalk shops; reviewed specific BRRs listed in the slide, including prorating parking permit fees monthly (BRR 4); talked about the need to consider short-term rentals and Airbnbs (BRR 14) and whether to enforce on a complaint basis or through a blanket prohibition; commented on increasing the TOT at the Galleria; and asked staff to query whether the City can adjust TOT differentially in the coastal zone and the non-coastal zone, including how TOT flows into the Tideland Fund.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the City is stepping up its enforcement efforts relative to Airbnbs and is hoping to reach all property owners; talked about the need for longer-term housing due to the recent fires and an opportunity for those properties to help needy residents.

Councilmember Obagi favored BRR 15; mentioned BRR 16 and repaving part of Grant Avenue using a phased approach; discussed the BRR for the bike lane on Palos Verdes Boulevard, noting the COG has Measure M money that the City could access.

Councilmember Loewenstein talked about the BRR regarding the TOT and increasing the TOT to fund infrastructure improvements; agreed it is something that Council needs to consider; noted the need to follow up on the Veteran plaques; discussed the median on Catalina and mentioned that it has been 7 years, and it has been funded so it needs to be done more quickly.

City Manager Witzansky commented on the evolution of the Catalina median project; talked about the need to put the designs in front of the community and let them decide; offered to follow up and return to Council with an update. In response to Councilmember Loewenstein's questions, City Manager Witzansky discussed Aviation between Artesia and Manhattan Beach Boulevard and the associated construction timeline.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned BRR 17; talked about earmarking money for the Dale Page Park playground shade structure; discussed the BRR regarding the TOT; spoke about the possibility of different TOT rates for the coastal and non-coastal zones; felt raising TOT now may discourage hoteliers from coming to the City; suggested a 10 year moratorium on the increase for new hotels to incentivize them to come to Redondo Beach; expressed concerns that giving a fee waiver for the Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club will present a precedent for others to request one; added that he will support them as much as possible but opposed giving them a fee waiver.

Councilmember Nehrenheim talked about moving the Veterans Park plaques forward as soon as possible using the aluminum plaques; agreed with moving through the grant process to fund bike lanes on Palos Verdes Boulevard; commented favorably about the striping; talked about working in partnership with the School District and getting a status update from the subcommittee; addressed BRR 15 and engaging hotels near the harbor

to upcharge for the Fireworks Show if Council moves forward with an on sea based show.

In terms of whether the High School is willing to host a fireworks show, Community Services Director Hause reported the school is considering whether they want to do this with the City and is worried about the damage to their fields as well as parking.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question, City Manager Witzansky did not believe that Lanakila has public safety expenses.

Discussion followed regarding fees for the Holly Festival, the amount of the proposed fee waiver for Lanakila, and the CIP replenishment fund (which is usually allocated during the year end budget process), the number of CIP projects, the need to fund important infrastructure projects, the parking structure seismic retrofit, replacement of the Basin 3 docks, the sea wall and the storm drain project.

Councilmember Nehrenheim voiced support for BRR 11 and BRR 12, and direction for BRR 15; talked about keeping the fireworks show on the water, contacting fireworks vendors as soon as possible, impacts to businesses if the show is on land; recommended contacting barge vendors and suggested the possibility of two smaller barge shows (two nights of fireworks) to spread the costs and benefits to nearby businesses.

Councilmember Kaluderovic listed CIP projects that have been completed; noted that the project she selected as a priority was the Dominguez Dog Park slope; expressed disappointment that it is only in a redesign stage; talked about her dedication as a Councilmember; mentioned she needs to have the confidence that staff is working with her and felt that her priorities have not been a priority.

City Manager Witzansky stated that it was staff's understanding that Councilmember Kaluderovic's priorities shifted from the design slope to the gun range and Franklin Park.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted that was a fair point but reported that discussion was never had; spoke about work done at Franklin Park; noted that she has been championing the shooting range project and mentioned she does not want to be the only Councilmember that does not get anything done.

City Manager Witzansky reported staff has applied efforts on the gun range and Franklin Park and has pulled off the design of the slope but can reapply efforts if so desired.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reiterated that although the shift in priorities was inferred that conversation never took place; spoke about ensuring completion or substantial completion of her priorities going forward. She asked that the Veterans plaques be installed before Memorial Day, at least for that area; felt more discussion is needed regarding the TOT; agreed with Councilmember Behrendt regarding waiving the fees for Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club; talked about the need for clear policy in this general

regard and expressed concern about the costs of having a fireworks show in the Harbor.

Councilmember Obagi referenced the crossing guards; reported speaking with two School Board Members who asked why they haven't received a request for reimbursement from the City; mentioned a child getting hit on Artesia Boulevard and asked to approve BRR 3 with direction to the City Manager to formally seek reimbursement or contribution for the crossing guards adjacent to RBUSD Schools and any other private school that is serviced.

City Manager Witzansky reported discussions are ongoing with the school subcommittee; asserted there has been a formal request through that process; added that he has not sent an invoice, but felt the characterization is neither fair nor appropriate.

Councilmember Loewenstein asserted, as a former School Board Member, that the school district should pick up the slack for the costs.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about the need for a letter from the City Manager to the RBUSD Board advising them the City Council has directed him to seek reimbursement or contribution for their share of costs for crossing guards.

City Manager Witzansky offered to send the letter tomorrow.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted there have been bigger discussions in terms of many shared costs and properties and land swaps.

Discussion followed regarding continuing to have a positive dialogue with the School District, issuing the formal request, keeping land swaps separate, multiple issues to consider, having a bigger discussion about which intersections should be manned by crossing guards, developing a more objective criteria to determine which locations receive funding, public safety as a top priority and crossing guards reducing the public's anxiety more than actually providing safety.

Councilmember Loewenstein talked about support for increased safety; noted the School District decided to stay with the Charter and elections and the City picked up that tab and stated all the City is seeking is to share the costs.

Councilmember Obagi suggested approving \$25,000, send a request for reimbursement and see, come budget time, how much the School District is contributing.

Councilmember Nehrenheim pointed out that once it is given, it cannot be taken away and suggested reprioritizing.

Discussion followed regarding the amount to request versus what they should contribute, progress made by the subcommittee and the cost for the fiscal year.

RBPD Chief Hoffman reported the price varies, depending on whether the City hires a

contractor to provide crossing guard services or hires its own directly; announced the City is currently receiving \$100,000 annually from the School District for the high school SROs and noted that an analysis of crossing guards was included in the BRR as well as a list of other identified locations.

City Manager Witzansky advised Council that the City has quite a few structural pressures going into the next few budget cycles; urged Council to be careful with its spending.

In reply to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question, City Manager Witzansky provided a status update of the Emergency Coordinator position.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Rebecca Elder, Redondo Beach Tourism (RBT), referenced a Blue Item Folder she submitted regarding BRR 14 and asked Council to consider an assessment that would allow RBT more funds to enable it to be more competitive and continue to increase occupancy. She suggested an additional 1% to 2%, which would double the budget, and talked about the need to raise awareness and being conscious of costs to consumers.

Eugene Solomon asked that, as part of the motion, Council continue discussions regarding TOT; mentioned this is a long runway and the earlier the City begins the process, the better and added that the TOT is not restricted within the Tidelands Fund and all TOT funds go into the General Fund. Additionally, he talked about blackouts; addressed a new hotel at the Legado location coming online soon; urged Council to begin and continue the process and make it part of the motion.

Andy Porkchop spoke favorably about the report; reported house prices are decreasing; addressed how the City of Torrance has police officers as crossing guards; felt it is better to hire crossing guards or grandmothers to save money and did not think the School District will pay their share.

John Nguyen (via Zoom), District 5, shared that recently he witnessed a young Adams Middle School student get hit by a car at the light of Artesia and the Greenbelt; reported in four years he has seen kids hit by cars in the area and has been requesting a crossing guard without results; urged City Council to approve the budget change of \$25,000 to allow a crossing guard at the intersection of Artesia and Greenbelt and Inglewood and Grant to help protect and keep students safer.

Jill Love (via Zoom) introduced her son Oliver who attends Washington Elementary School. Oliver spoke about walking to school every day and having to cross a busy intersection at Inglewood and Grant; talked about how having a crossing guard at that location would help residents feel safer and thanked Council for giving him a reason to stay up late during a school night.

Jill Love (via Zoom), District 4, thanked Councilmember Obagi for hearing parents' concerns and advocating for two more crossing guards this school year; expressed appreciation for her crossing guard, Brian, at Felton and Ripley; spoke about the need for another one at the intersection of Inglewood and Grant.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned a prosecution agreement with the City of Hermosa Beach that has not been updated since 2012,

City Manager Witzansky reported there have been conversations about the matter and he will speak with Community Development Director Wiener to find out if there has been any more formal discussions; noted with the updates they should be open to some additional increases.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve BRRs 11 and 12.

Councilmember Obagi offered a friendly amendment to receive and file the midyear budget report presentation of the status of the City CIP, approve all Decision Packages and provide direction to the City Manager to send a letter seeking reimbursement or contribution from the School District for the costs of crossing guards adjacent to their schools and including private schools.

Councilmember Nehrenheim accepted the amendment.

Amended motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve BRRs 11 and 12, with direction as discussed regarding BRR 15, receive and file the midyear budget report presentation of the status of the City CIP, approve all Decision Packages and provide direction to the City Manager to send a letter seeking reimbursement or contribution from the School District for the costs of crossing guards adjacent to their schools, and including private schools, get an update regarding the status of the prosecution agreement with the City of Hermosa Beach and a report on options for a fireworks show(s) on the Waterfront and promote the fireworks show to hoteliers for potential increased TOT. Additionally, to bring back a discussion regarding increasing the tourism assessment rate and consider a moratorium on the increased TOT for new hotels in early May.

Councilmember Kaluderovic disagreed with waiving the fees for Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve \$25,000 for a crossing guard on Artesia and Greenbelt as well as on Inglewood and Grant, contingent upon the School District splitting all costs by 50%, oppose BRR 12 and have further discussions regarding TOT, and ensure \$30,000 is locked in for Dale Page Park to move forward with the playground shade structure and return with a report for options relative to the fireworks show and whether area hotels are willing to partner with the City for two nights.

Discussion followed regarding reassessing the program if the School District fails to split costs 50/50 as currently, the program is unsustainable, setting a precedent by waiving fees for Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club and the possibility of hotels in the area helping with the fireworks show.

Councilmember Obagi seconded the motion with a friendly amendment for staff to return with a report on TOT in early May.

Councilmember Behrendt accepted the friendly amendment.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concerns with approving this before the letter seeking reimbursement/contribution is sent to the School District and advised Council to use care; talked about other contributions made by the School District on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Behrendt suggested keeping the positions in, for now, with the understanding that they may not be permanent and return later to revisit the matter.

Discussion followed regarding taking a closer look at the crossing guard issue in June.

Substitute, substitute motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and carried by voice vote, to direct staff to return with all 16 BRRs, receive and file the midyear budget report presentation of the status of the City CIP, approve by 4/5ths vote, all Decision Packages, no on BRR 3, but provide direction to the City Manager to send a letter seeking reimbursement or contribution from the School District for the costs of crossing guards adjacent to their schools, and including private schools, move forward with BRR 11 by Memorial Day, direct staff to return with a revision to the Master Fee Schedule relative to parking permits, bring back a discussion on TOT and no on BRR 12.

The substitute, substitute motion carried 4-1. Councilmember Behrendt was opposed.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolution No. CC-2502-007.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - None

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Kaluderovic requested a report on all facility uses and fees collected and associated with those uses for the past three years as part of strategic planning and revenue discussions; requested another report on revenues broken down by zip codes to better understand where revenue is coming from (property taxes, sales taxes, parking).

In reply to Councilmember Behrendt's question, City Manager Witzansky reported that, as long as the reports are in the context of budget, staff can provide the information.

Councilmember Kaluderovic explained this wraps into the strategic plan items for addressing business in the City.

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was cancelled.

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None

The Closed Session meeting was cancelled.

T. ADJOURNMENT – 11:33 p.m.

T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY BENNING, JR. FORMER REDONDO BEACH COMMISSIONER AND LONG-TIME RESIDENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, California, in memory of Ray Benning, Jr. former Redondo Beach Commissioner and long-time resident.

The motion carried, 5-0.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk