



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Adjourned Regular Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
Strategic Planning Session - 2:00 p.m.

12:00 P.M. – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Joy Ford, City Attorney
Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist/Liaison

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Liaison Bodkin reported no Blue Folder items for Closed Session.

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

Liaison Bodkin reported no eComments and no attendees on Zoom.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources

**EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:
Redondo Beach Part Time Employees**

- F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).**

One potential case

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager**

**PROPERTY:
200 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(a portion of APN: 750-500-9902)
715 Julia Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(portion of parcels APN: 750-702-0900 and APN: 750-702-1900)
3007 Vail Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(a portion of APN: 415-001-7931)
1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(APN: 404-900-8903)
Parking Lot at the Corner of Felton Ln. and 182nd St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(APN: 415-803-3900)
807 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(a Portion of APN: 408-302-4900)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:
Dr. Nicole Wesley, Superintendent
Redondo Beach Unified School District**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:
Both Price and Terms**

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director**

PROPERTY:

**Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot and Seaside Lagoon
(portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)**

Portions of Harbor Drive, Pacific Avenue, Catalina Avenue, Gertruda Avenue, Herondo Street, and Esplanade

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Kellie Hawkins, Englander Knabe & Allen on Behalf of Nike, Inc.

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Price and Terms

Liaison Bodkin read titles to be discussed in Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Joy Ford, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Stephanie Johnson, Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude, and Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to recess to Closed Session at 12:04 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 2:01 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Joy Ford, City Attorney

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky stated there were no reportable action items from Closed Session.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

2:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Light called to order the Open Session Strategic Planning Session of the City Council at 2:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Joy Ford, City Attorney

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Light led in the salute to the flag

Mayor Light asked all to remain standing for a moment of silent invocation.

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

Mayor Light reported no presentations or proclamations; reported an AB 1234 travel expense from the Council of Governments general assembly where he was a panel member and spoke with leaders from other communities.

Councilmember Obagi reported he also went to the General Assembly; announced his joint Community Meeting with Councilmember Behrendt at the RBPAC on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Behrendt reported attending the League of California Cities meeting and the Mayors' State of the City address; noted the executive assistant has the expenses on file and available for public viewing.

Mayor Light reported he was also at the State of the City.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the SBCOG General Assembly but had no expenses to report from it; stated that the Mayor and Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause did an excellent job; announced her Community Meeting on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Perry Allison Playfield and suggested bringing a blanket and a chair since it would be picnic-style.

Councilmember Castle stated he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Waller reported attending the League of California Cities, State of the City, and the Council of Governments the previous week; congratulated the RBPB Baker to Vegas team, which consisted of 21 officers, and reported Officers Harris and Day, who were the captains of the team, finished 3rd place.

Mayor Light noted that Councilmember Waller provided SAG support during the event.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

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 J.1 and M.1.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETINGS OF MARCH 31, 2026

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 A MODIFICATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL MOTION RELOCATING A CROSSING GUARD TO FORD AVENUE AND ARTESIA BOULEVARD BEGINNING APRIL 13, 2026

CONTACT: JANE CHUNG, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Mayor Light invited public comments.

City Clerk Manzano reported no hands raised on Zoom and no eComments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to recess to the Strategic Planning Session in the Main Library.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

K. RECESS – 2:08 P.M.

L. RECONVENE (MAIN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, 303 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY, 2ND FLOOR)

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Joy Ford, City Attorney
Laura Diaz, Records Mgmt. Supervisor

M. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

Mayor Light requested a motion to suspend the rules so they could run the meeting in a workshop format and not as a City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to suspend the rules.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

M.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, PRIORITY AREAS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor Light stated that he would introduce the main items and then they will get into discussion on each; introduced the first item as the Overview of the Strategic Planning Process; turned the floor over to City Manager Witzansky.

City Manager Witzansky explained, per Council direction, they would conduct the item in Open Session as opposed to bringing in their normal facilitator; noted that staff is maxed out so they wanted to be judicious about the number of objectives carried over and added to the next planning cycle; reported that staff laid out a detailed agenda for that evening explaining they will do a recap of accomplishments from the past year in open forum format, Luke Smude and Jane Chung would transcribe, then they would do an abbreviated SWOT analysis; noted in the past they have gone through each item, taken input, documented, etc. but they will do it collectively for that evening's session; stated they would revisit the City's three year priority areas, the individual goals within the priority areas, invite public comments, and then allow Council an opportunity to deliberate before moving on to the next section of the agenda; said after that they will determine how long the City wants the planning cycle to cover and recommended they do not go over 12 months; noted they would reconvene in six months from the adoption of the plan, which is usually about a month after they conclude that evening's session; said after they cover the planning period, they will move on to establishing new objectives which they have broken into three subcategories; spoke about the carryover objectives that were not completed in the last planning cycle as the first subcategory; went into more detail on what staff has done to help advance the effort; stated staff has identified objectives that were next phase steps of prior objectives such as the Seaside Lagoon or the boat launch; reported that staff has identified the obvious next phases; stated that staff identified some new items they feel should be added that were not contemplated in the prior cycle for Council to consider; caveated that all of the items collectively are draft and it is ultimately a Mayor and Council matrix and that staff is

giving them their best professional recommendations; stated the next step will be to invite public comment on the objectives that have been drafted and then Council will reconvene again in case anything has been missed based on public comment; noted that the plan is not approved that evening, it will remain in draft form until they agendaized it for an Open Session at a later date, and the final act of that evening will be to pick the date the Strategic Plan discussion for consideration of approval will be; stated they could move forward with the meeting.

Mayor Light reported that the public has two opportunities to comment: 1) after they get through the priority areas and strategic goals, and 2) after the objectives; asked the City Manager if the draft he put forward included recommendations from all City directors.

City Manager Witzansky replied that it has recommendations up to last Wednesday's department head meeting but that there may be some additions that come forward that evening.

Mayor Light moved onto the recap of accomplishments from the previous 10 months; listed the ribbon cutting on Wilderness Park lower pond, the movement on Seaside Lagoon, design advancement on the boat ramp, the park at Herondo, and the smoke shop ordinance.

Councilmember Behrendt stated it all comes down to staff and that Council receive the information, review it, and make recommendations but staff implements it; thanked the City Manager and staff for their continuous work on projects.

Councilmember Waller reported they have had many ribbon cuttings, business growth has been doing well, and they have had lots of interest in the City's Harbor and Waterfront events.

Councilmember Obagi highlighted the Teen Center opening and programs, senior lunches, expansion of Artesia Blvd, left turn pockets at Rindge, reconstructed and aligned traffic, signals on Artesia Blvd. replaced, two blocks of Grant Ave. repaved and restriped with bike lanes and buffers, new fencing on Grant Ave., the North Redondo Beach bike path extension, Aviation Park pickleball, Veterans' Historic Park Library, and rebuilding of Dominguez Park (which they are working on getting back open).

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned the completion of the design for Franklin Park, new business in the Harbor (including In and Out and water polo), expanding public safety through the ACR team (housed and unhoused), moving forward with FP, and changes made in the Planning and Building Department to move projects through more quickly.

Councilmember Castle commented that all the highlights from the Mayor and other Councilmembers fall under the banner of improving the City's attractiveness to businesses including the permitting through the Building Department, the economic development they are seeing along Artesia, the Waterfront, and parks, and

improvements for Diamond St. and around RUHS.

Mayor Light added the forward movement of the AACAP and the movement on public art in the Harbor area and potentially at the Artesia corridor.

Councilmember Obagi highlighted since the City has changed their graffiti cleanup contractor the response has been within 24-28 hours.

Councilmember Waller added the pickleball courts at Alta Vista, the truck route signage, the increase in enforcement in his district, the SBRHT, and that Police and Fire are close to being fully staffed.

Community Development Director Marc Wiener added to the list of accomplishments that his department have fully implemented their new electronic permitting system and now have the ability to report on their activity, metrics, and can produce quarterly reports; mentioned that the AACAP is inclusive of the development standards, the parking standards, rooftop dining, and staff have that ready for adoption by the Council; noted that staff has made substantial progress on the General Plan update specifically with the land-use element, institutional FAR, historic preservation, and others.

Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause added that the Historic Library signed a contract with Made by Meg, completed a lot of improvements, and obtained a grant to move forward with the \$1 million ADA improvement to the site; reported that they were able to finalize their contract with the County for the Foster Youth Initiative Program.

Community Development Director Marc Wiener reported that, regarding the housing element, they were able to make an amendment to work with State HCD that addressed an issue and it is ready for adoption and certification.

Public Works Director Andy Winje highlighted the Portofino sewer pump installation, new roofs for the Wilderness Park Community Center, the restroom, the Senior Center at Veterans' Park, and the library; reported the installation of the chiller at the Performing Arts Center, several projects happening in infrastructure to make the City more resilient; noted that the City's Public Works operations crew is filling potholes within 24 hours of being notified.

City Treasurer Eugene Solomon mentioned all their regular reports to the Commission and Council were done, their required review of their investment policy with minor tweaks was completed, and they had their regular analysis and monthly meetings with their advisory partners to review the City's portfolio; highlighted that they accomplished revamping the City Treasurer's duties and roles with Council's input; stated an accomplishment for the City as a whole has been the cooperation between other City departments, especially Finance, City Clerk, and the City Attorney's office.

Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden reported adopting two new MOUs with their two public safety Police bargaining units (POA and PMU), they got a perfect score on the City's liability claims audit, processed 7,800 employment applications which

resulted in 163 new hires, and her department has reviewed over 750 Certificates of Insurance for City contracts, permits, special events, and the like; noted that one person in her department handles 50 to 80 recruitments at any given time.

Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude reported they have received seven RFQP responses for Fire and six for Police regarding Measure FP; stated they have consolidated the City's Board and Commission structure to make it more streamlined, and they extended the immediate consumption ordinance for the City's Coastal area.

Assistant to the City Manager Jane Chung reported they reinstated the internal communications team, did extensive review of the City's website (which is ongoing), and brought back the City's social media activity; noted that as of March 30, 2026, the City is certified and verified by Meta on their Instagram and Facebook accounts; highlighted their internal training with City staff on contract management process, bringing their procurement process up to date on policies, procedures, and ordinances as it relates to current standards; spoke of supporting the Crossing Guard Subcommittee and the Olympic/Large Events Subcommittee along with preparation for the upcoming World Cup and Olympics LA 28; reported that they are still working on the City's trademark and licensing logo process and their next step is the RFI.

Library Director Dana Vinke highlighted the ribbon cutting for the express hours at the North Branch Library which adds eight hours weekly and they have over 70 people signed up; stated their Summer Reading Program is the most successful one to date they have had with over 2000 individuals signed up; reported record breaking attendance at the Library since Covid with over 200,000 visitors, 300,000 materials circulated, and registered over 5,000 new library cards over the last fiscal year; announced the new City logo are now on library cards.

Fire Chief Pat Butler reported that the Fire Department is fully staffed, that the cadet program is doing great, and the fire inspection program has no issues; stated that they have agreements with local colleges and the City now receives state funding back for hours that their employees train, which can be about \$20,000 per year; highlighted their Firefighter health and safety wellness program; implemented new technology called FirstDue which aggregates everything the RBFD covers all in one space and provides them with pre-incident information; said they continue to build upon the CityGate report performance metrics and they are better than national standards for city response times; highlighted that it is the City employees that give them the fighting edge.

Mayor Light mentioned the Harbor Master as another accomplishment.

Police Chief Stephen Sprengel said the transition to Chief was smooth, they had four promotions: two captains, one lieutenant, and one sergeant; reported hiring 30 new employees and two new K-9 Police dogs; noted they responded to about 56,000 calls for service (1700 of those were emergency medical dispatch assistance), investigated about 600 felony and criminal cases with 250 filings; reported the City received about \$800,000 in grants used for street barricades, automated license plate recognition

cameras, and for additional traffic enforcement to be used for focusing on DUIs, e-Bike education and enforcement, and homeless task force.

City Attorney Joy Ford reported the completion of over 601 assignments from staff which included contracts, reviews, resolutions, ordinances, legal opinions, subpoenas, depositions, and pitches motions; stated they have 40 active litigation cases, last year they resolved 17, and this year they resolved five including an AES case; provided three trainings to staff and assisted with the Contract Training Handbook; reported that they had filed over 1,530 criminal cases, in which 16 cases had been set for trial (14 were resolved before the jury deliberated and the two remaining resulted in two guilty verdicts); stated they had argued over 67 motions (which do not include the Hermosa cases), had 38 cases in the Homeless Court, 23 graduates in 2025, and seven graduates for 2026 with a 77% attendance rate; highlighted that Lila Omura was honored as Woman of the Year by Supervisor Holly Mitchell, got 122 people off the street since last calendar year, and 34 people in January and February; reported they have received grants from Congressman Ted Lieu and the COG to support the homeless efforts; mentioned that they also accomplished the Metro Green-line Extension location on Hawthorne and adopted the Coyote Management Plan.

Waterfront and Economic Development Acting Director Katherine Buck reported that the City is close to being at full occupancy for their commercial spaces at the Waterfront and they are making significant progress towards leasing out some of the long-term vacancies; stated that the City had been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Coastal Commission for work on updating the City's LCP and sea-level rise vulnerability assessment, received \$1.3 million from HUD to upgrade the infrastructure at the Basin 3 dock, and they continue their partnership with Division of Boating and Waterways for the grant for abandoned and surrendered vessels in the City's marinas and reported they received a \$25,000 grant from them earlier in the month; stated they have opened up the Courtesy Dock in Basin 3, executed the option agreement with Marine Mammal Care Center, and the improvements made to the Marina parking lot have increased revenue.

Mayor Light pointed out the Port Royal lease as an accomplishment.

Finance Director Stephanie Meyer noted that the Finance Department contributed to supporting the procurement of Measure FP and the arrangement of the Bond Financing Team for it; spoke of laying the groundwork for items in next year's plan for future revenue measures for TOT and UUT; reported that her department is fully staffed and they have brought on an Assistant Director with over 20 years of experience in public sector accounting; spoke of strengthening their financial management, specifically in grant management and capital assets management.

City Manager Witzansky noted getting the City's audit calendar back on schedule is important.

IT Director Mike Cook touched on the progress with the electronic document storage for

the City but wanted to let the City Clerk expand on that topic; reported that they selected a new video camera platform and adopted a new policy, drafted a new AI policy, and implemented a new AI chatbot on the City's website which triggered all the City's departments to review their web content; noted they selected a new public records request software and will bring it to the next Council meeting, they are entering the user acceptance testing phase for Access Redondo Beach customer relationship management platform; reported that they are one of four cities to receive the MISAC Award for best practices and would be receiving the Tyler Excellence Award the following week at their annual conference; reported the City added to their outdoor platform to include the pallet shelter on Kingsdale.

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano reported updating the municipal code for the Commissions; announced a new Assistant City Clerk would be starting on May 7th; noted that they have started training for One Meeting, which is the City's new agenda management system; reported a successful RCV election (the first in L.A. County); highlighted that over 1,000 boxes have been destroyed based on the retention schedule, lots of departments are cleaning out their paperwork and getting them onto Laserfiche, and that they are surviving all the public records requests.

Councilmember Obagi wanted to give recognition to the departments that have implemented the Redondo Beach logo especially Community Services, Public Works, and the Library; noted that the native courtyard looks good; stated that BCT was responsive to rerouting the lines for the youth that brought it to Council's attention; reported that residents have commented that Redondo Beach has been a sanctuary for them in a time where the world seems to be going crazy and that the leadership has been cooperative, collaborative, the staff is very responsive and people have peace of mind.

City Manager Witzansky stated he has been with the City for over 20 years, been in about 30 Strategic Planning Session, and he has never seen the number of annual accomplishments as high as they have reported for this session; commented that the City's Mayor and Councilmembers are the hardest working group he has ever been around which also leads to the staff's hard work; noted that the City is trying to build celebrating successes into their culture so they can recognize the hard work done.

Councilmember Waller reported they brought in over \$600,000 in one-time funding between the settlement and receiving the Google money; highlighted the hiring of the full-time social media employee.

Councilmember Castle wanted to recognize staff for all the work that went into the cannabis item ordinance if they didn't move forward with it.

Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude reported last year they had 94 accomplishments and this year had 125.

Mayor Light moved onto the abbreviated SWOT; noted they are looking for deltas and

not reestablish it; asked if anyone had any substantive changes to the SWOT; clarified that Strengths and Weaknesses are internal items they can control and Opportunities and Threats are external items the market and the government climate do to them.

Councilmember Waller spoke of the way the Mayor and Councilmembers work together as a Strength.

City Treasurer Solomon stated revenue forecasting becomes increasingly difficult and uncertain in economic cycles as a Threat.

Councilmember Obagi said the macro environment is not conducive to the economic development for the City and is a Threat; provided an example using the Artesia Blvd. corridor.

Mayor Light moved onto revisiting the City's Three-Year Priority Areas and Strategic Goals.

City Manager Witzansky informed everyone that their attention should be on the draft document that was an attachment to the Staff Report and that is what they should be working from; noted that there were asterisks on two or three goals that were adjusted in the draft plan and added a goal titled Enhance the City's Fiscal Sustainability; noted when they added the goal it renumbered the Revitalize the Pacific Coast Highway Corridor goal and they also added under goal 2.4 the phrase "Strategic Partnerships" because some of their public safety enhancements and services are dependent on cooperation with other communities; offered a suggestion to summarize that goal; reported that everything else remained the same year over year.

Mayor Light made the recommendation to take the City Manager's suggestion and under 2.4 summarize it to "continued to enhance public safety, emergency response and community resilience".

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she had two items to add which were a type of vacancy ordinance to apply to both commercial and residential and to address utility lines in regard to maintenance and future development; suggested they could rename 3.1 to Rehabilitate City Roads and Critical Public Infrastructure.

City Manager Witzansky agreed that her suggestion would broaden the title in order to offer both; offered another suggestion to change it to Critical Public Facilities and Infrastructure to be clearer.

Councilmember Obagi added another Strength and noted that staff were fully responsive and met with the Farmers' Market group and they are fully approved to hold a market, which put them at 126 for accomplishments.

City Manager Witzansky recapped that section and reviewed the changes and additions.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Jim Mueller stated the NRB Farmers' Market received their official state certification, and the market will be held at Green Ln. and Artesia Blvd.; suggested that the Strategic Plan should include goals that the citizens of North Redondo Beach have asked for repeatedly, which is to have a safe and comfortable environment on Artesia Blvd.; spoke of slowing down the traffic or diverting it and making public spaces for people to gather; opined it would also help with the revenue goals.

Alex Klineman, District 3, thanked the City for the work on the bike lane network and the BCT routes; spoke about the importance for the City to continue to build on mobility to ease car dependence and parking demand; stated that housing was not mentioned as a priority for the City and they need to allow and permit more housing development especially in middle apartments, condos, and townhomes; noted that more housing would help meet goals like public safety and that the City's homelessness response is vital but treating the symptom and not providing a solution which would be housing; stated that when a city fails to build it pushes development into exurbs which destroys wildlife habitats and forces hours long commutes that contribute to air pollution and climate change; spoke of the prevailing attitude among City leadership has been to fight development to prevent change to the local communities but that has led to an aging population, a residential tax base that has stagnated, declining school enrollments (which caused the School District to force early retirements) and now people in their 20s represent the lowest demographic in Redondo Beach; noted that events run by the City now have to cater to people over 40 because there is not a large enough young audience to support anything else; hoped the City would not continue to ignore this for the kids who are still in their schools; noted that the City has done right from a great primary education to advocacy for safe routes to school but questioned what they were doing for after these students graduate; urged the City to start building for the next generation and prioritize housing so that the children of Redondo Beach can remain part of the community.

Records Management Supervisor Laura Diaz reported no eComments and no hands raised on Zoom.

Mayor Light closed off the Priority Areas and Strategic Goal section and moved to Time Frame for the Strategic Plan Objectives; expressed his opinion to go to 12 months.

City Manager Witzansky noted it does help the City when they align their target report period back to a cycle like February, March, or April so they are beyond the holidays, outside of the budget calendar, and outside of Mid-Year review and that supports the 11-to-12-month cycle.

Councilmember Obagi suggested they wait till the end of the exercise to figure out the date to get feedback from staff first or they can assign a target date for any new items added or even existing items.

City Manager Witzansky noted they put it in that order because it informs them how they prepare and draft the objective.

Councilmember Obagi felt 12 months made sense.

City Clerk Manzano stated they need to make sure that it is after the election or in April because any new people will need to be sworn in.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated 12 months makes sense; said she does like that they get updated on Consent Calendar but if there is a better way to communicate how things are stacking up to give them clarity whether Council needs to pull back or advocate for more that would be helpful.

City Manager Witzansky said Council has been very good over the last three to four months with the number of referrals they have requested and if they continue in that manner it is good for staff; stated that they are keeping robust notes which they put in the status reports and hoped that is helpful for them.

Discussion followed regarding how to track follow up items on projects and how they should be notated for Council to see those items.

City Manager Witzansky decided to table the item to give it more thought and figure out the best method.

Councilmember Castle supported the 12-month cycle; agreed with the need to understand all the things staff is working on and suggested creating a separate list of things that aren't on the Strategic Plan so they can be aware.

City Manager Witzansky stated that they have hundreds of items so it would take up more time for staff to prepare a report on those items.

More discussion followed.

Councilmembers Behrendt, Waller, and Obagi were all supportive of a 12-month cycle.

Mayor Light moved onto Establishing Objectives for Each Identified Goal.

City Manager Witzansky referenced his overview at the beginning of the Session; noted that they put carry-over objectives into three buckets.

Mayor Light announced he would call out the goal and they could go around for input:

Goal 1.1: Enhance the Waterfront

Mayor Light said he would like to still carry forward the potential land swap so they can attract new tenants and also widen what they are allowed to put there.

City Manager Witzansky clarified that would be effectively moving the property out of the Tidelands Trust.

Mayor Light referenced item 3 and commented that, as they move through the DBW process, they don't ignore the Coastal Commission and the CDP process to run in parallel as much as practical; referenced item 4, Seaside Lagoon reconstruction, and noted that if they are targeting to break ground that Fall they would need to also develop and release the RFP.

City Manager Witzansky instructed Luke Smude on how to make it clear in the objective that they intend to advance the construction drawings and run them parallel to the other items that have been listed for item 4; stated for item 3, instructed Luke Smude to note where possible, advance the design assuming there's indication they are receiving the public funding.

Mayor Light stated, regarding the Marine Mammal Care Center, there is activity there that should be scheduled; noted that Joe's Crab Shack should be demolished and if their funding comes through the City should take advantage of it and also start the lease agreement within 12 months of the Marine Mammal Care starting their fundraising; commented that he didn't like that being dropped off the list; mentioned that an item on the Harbor Org structure was on the list last year but they have not heard anything about the closure yet and would like to continue it until they do; explained that at one time the Harbor was all one department and now it is broken down into five different organizations with limited integration; stated that the instruction was to go look at how other harbors are modeled and then determine whether they need to make any organizational changes.

Discussion followed on finding more integration with the five organizations and efficiencies in structure.

City Manager Witzansky clarified that the context for the Harbor had more to do with Harbor Patrol, fire, response, enforcement, functionality, and leasing but it has morphed into more of an analysis on coordination of events and leasing.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky stated it is more of an internal problem, with the increase in Waterfront activity is has created a good problem for them to have, and they just need to figure out how to manage it with their internal team and departments.

Councilmember Behrendt asked what he would recommend if anything.

City Manager Witzansky stated he could report back to the Mayor and Council on the steps they will take to integrate activities and the organizations.

Councilmember Behrendt asked to put that on as an objective.

Councilmember Obagi pointed out that with events such as BeachLife, the Nike run, water polo, and construction they will have a better feel of what to do and how to organize.

Mayor Light suggested they consider separating Waterfront and Economic Development into two separate functions and explained his reasoning.

More discussion ensued. Councilmember Behrendt suggested the City Manager look at it and get back to them with recommendations.

Mayor Light spoke about needing a solution for enhancing the Christmas and holiday events down in the Harbor to be in par with Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

Councilmember Obagi commented that the Waterfront activities the past Christmas were phenomenal and the best Redondo Beach has ever had and listed some of the events that stood out.

Mayor Light agreed it was fantastic but that they had some issues with the lighting of the trees and stated his motivation was looking out towards the Hermosa and Manhattan piers and seeing their big trees lit up; felt that their trees were more hidden.

City Manager Witzansky responded that they would lean on partners to create a new holiday festival; noted that they have their Charlie Brown Christmas tree and the menorah which is tradition.

Councilmember Obagi spoke of needing some vision or strategy regarding the expiring leases at the Harbor; noted that there are still some vacancies that need to be followed up on and understood that they have discussed it but wanted it to be put on as a Strategic Planning item.

Discussion followed regarding a plan already being in place, but that Council just wanted it to be documented by placing it on as a Strategic Planning item.

Councilmember Castle suggested working with the King Harbor Association and the Pier Associations to accomplish some of the things the Mayor mentioned; suggested the City also reach out to the tenants that have leases coming up over the next 12 to 18 months to find out their intentions for lease renewals.

Mayor Light moved onto Goal 1.2.

Councilmember Obagi asked that the City proactively seek investment for Artesia Blvd., especially where there are vacancies and follow up on the new construction for GrubHaus.

City Manager Witzansky spoke of what AREAS is currently doing with the City for the

AACAP including the regulatory changes, dealing with property owners and trusts, and incentivizing reinvestment; noted that staff would be sharing the report from AREAS with the Council soon; suggested that staff could internally maintain a micro vacancy list and do some proactive sharing with the investment community; noted that they don't want to limit bigger prospective tenants and investors if they take it off the board with a small "mom and pop" reinvestment.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Light referenced the smoke shop vacancy and stated that Councilmember Obagi reported that a veterinary clinic showed interest in the site and wondered if the City could change the uses in the upcoming vote.

Councilmember Obagi clarified that what the Mayor meant is that the site is not permitted under the current zoning to allow a veterinary clinic to go there; added that the owner is asking for too much for the site and questioned if they wanted to change the zoning just to accommodate him, or wait for him to lower his price, so a business they prefer for the AACAP goes there.

Mayor Light asked if it was difficult to do the vote to have it changed.

Community Development Director Wiener replied that it doesn't need a vote, it would be a simple text amendment to the zoning ordinance; mentioned Goal 1.3 has staff looking at evaluating which businesses they want to make it easier for the AACAP and which they want to put restrictions on.

Mayor Light dropped it in light of the conversation and based on what Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt preferred since it is their districts.

City Manager Witzansky opined it should stick with the overall strategy of what the Council's direction has been for the AACAP; stated the goal is to update the tables to make it more attractive to investment.

Councilmember Castle added that they should make sure they have a real deal on the table from the potential tenant before they change to accommodate it.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if the maintenance ordinance for existing properties was still pending.

City Manager Witzansky stated it is under Goal 1.3, #14: Prepare updates to the Municipal Code to improve design and appearance of commercial signs and present them to City Council; stated their current focus is the signage component and the next step could be appearance and standard of care for storefront maintenance; noted that enforceability of that type of ordinance is questionable.

Discussion followed to just add it to #14; City Manager Witzansky noted that there may

be legal implications and liability that they need to look into.

Mayor Light wanted to emphasize retention vs waiting for someone to leave and take the proactive approach to retain businesses; asked if that was something they could add for economic development.

City Manager Witzansky commented that they don't have a lot of businesses, but they have a big one going in and retained Impulse; spoke about the City creating relationships and understanding what their businesses need.

Some discussion followed on making it a future goal.

Community Development Director Wiener stated they can be more proactive in contacting business owners instead of waiting for them to contact them when there is an issue and are considering leaving.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced Goal 1.3 and noted that the Youth Commission asked if one of their members could be on the Committee for the LA 2028 Olympics.

Councilmember Castle referenced #15 and asked if they could have staff support the activities/events they have discussed.

City Manager Witzansky responded that they could prepare a BRR associated with special events staffing.

Mayor Light moved to Goal 1.4: Enhance City's Fiscal Sustainability.

City Manager Witzansky noted that some of the items have already been directed by Council action: TOT, UUT, self-insurance coverage amounts, liability coverage, and vehicle program; stated that they have to adhere to new environmental requirements and mandates from the state; reported that they have lots of waivers for the Special Event Vendor Exemption Process and staff need to figure out how to streamline and manage it, noted they can do it through a municipal code update; reported that they can't add fees without going through Prop 218 but they can reduce and streamline fees to do it administratively.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Review and Provide Updates to the City's Vehicle Replacement Policy Program and asked what the City is doing to stay on top of and ensure they have the right fire trucks.

City Manager Witzansky noted that they did accelerate the purchase of some vehicles because they were significantly under market and they do use their vehicles quite often; stated that Public Works Director Winje and Fire Chief Butler would be working on finding the appropriate cycle, the industry standard, amortization, etc. and reported it would be for over 200 vehicles and heavy equipment that are part of the program.

Community Development Director Wiener stated they should add the preparation of the Development Impact Fee Study.

Councilmember Castle asked about penalties for collections on fees that aren't paid within a certain time and wondered how many projects the City starts in anticipation of grant funding and then don't get the grant.

City Manager Witzansky replied almost none but did mention the Police shooting range; stated more typically they are awarded the grant for the pre-conceptual design effort; opined there is not a lot of substance to report on.

Finance Director Meyer stated that they have set late and penalty fees for most of their items but they could improve the effectiveness of their collections of those fees.

Mayor Light moved to Goal 1.5.

Discussion followed that it was too early to provide input for that goal.

Mayor Light moved to Goal 2.1: Measure FP.

Councilmember Kaluderovic commented that the deadline for the application is mid-June.

City Manager Witzansky noted that they have discussed it internally and are on schedule for the June submission.

Mayor Light moved to Goal 2.2: Strengthen the City's Mental Health Response.

Councilmembers had nothing to add.

Mayor Light moved to Goal 2.3: Addressing Homelessness.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked for an update on the expansion of the pallet shelter.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the County is asking they bid the revised scope to have a comparative cost and then they will make a determination on what level of funding they provide.

City Attorney Ford stated that they are looking at all options for funding it and reducing the budget; noted that there were multiple reasons why the bids came back higher than anticipated.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced #29 and asked to add exploring grant funding opportunities for family housing similar to the pallet shelter and then securing permanent family housing.

Discussion followed regarding what the reportable action item would be for that and that it will involve both staff and the Housing Trust.

Mayor Light moved on to Goal 2.4: Leverage Technology to Enhance Public Safety; suggested an enhanced enforcement of e-Bikes, loud vehicles, speeding, and running stop signs, noted those are the most consistent complaints he receives.

Councilmember Behrendt reported that he has noticed a drop in e-Bike complaints from residents.

Councilmember Castle stated that he has noticed a drop in the number of complaints in his district; commented that enforcement seems to be working.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported that e-Bikes were also brought up by the Youth Commission; suggested that the School District and SROs put a notice on illegal e-Bikes parked on campus that they may be impounded.

City Manager Witzansky suggested they could provide periodic reports on e-Bike enforcement efforts.

Discussion followed that they could expand the report to include the truck routes and stop signs.

Police Chief Sprengel stated that RBPD has been active with the education and enforcement of e-Bikes; reported that RBPD is obtaining sound enforcement equipment which will help enforcement for loud mufflers and other loud noises; stated they could give a stats report in the next six months on how things are going.

Councilmember Kaluderovic supported the e-Bike discussion.

Councilmember Waller asked about the BRR regarding ALPRs.

City Manager Witzansky said they are coming forward with the BRR on the ALPR.

Mayor Light moved onto Goal 3.1: Rehabilitate City Roads and Critical Public Facilities; asking about improving accessibility on the CIP.

City Manager Witzansky stated their intention is to have an outward portal as part of the asset management tool that works with the City's CIP reporting process.

Public Works Director Winje stated they are implementing a new CIP development electronic book and the follow up module for reporting process and progress.

Mayor Light said the key is to communicate to the Council and community.

City Manager Witzansky stated they would complete the CIP book before they adopt the

plan so it doesn't need to be added.

Mayor Light stated the City needs to focus on improving project management, contract management, and procurement.

City Manager Witzansky said they could report back to Council on their internal training efforts.

Mayor Light stated he sent his recommendations to them based on his experience.

Councilmember Obagi asked to add a collaboration with Hermosa Beach on completing a parking study and evaluating feasibility for bike lane additions for Aviation Blvd.; updated the Council that he has spoken to four of the five Hermosa councilmembers and Mayor Deto and provided details of his conversation; wanted to make sure the staff of both cities are talking to each other.

Public Works Director Winje said Ryan Liu and him have spoken internally about it but they focused on their portion; noted that a complete streets concept for Aviation would be a good step forward for the City.

Discussion followed that it would fall more appropriately under Goal 3.3.

Councilmember Obagi noted that years ago they discussed undergrounding the triangle lot in the Riviera and suggested making a complete street of Catalina; spoke of grant money for the study and design of Catalina; suggested they look for funding to underground the triangle lot.

Public Works Director Winje noted that they do have the funding, and they are getting started on the design procurement process; stated they may have a concept within the year to share with Council; reported that they applied for funding from the Ted Lieu solicitation for housing related to parking availability.

Councilmember Waller stated Catalina modifications were under #44.

City Manager Witzansky stated they could add to #44 to make clear they are talking about the parking structure as well.

Councilmember Kaluderovic confirmed they had the vacancy ordinance under 3.1.

City Manager Witzansky noted it would be under the blight ordinance.

Mayor Light moved onto Goal 3.2: Expanding and Enhancing Public Spaces, Amenity, and Programs; suggested they put Herondo Park and Seaside Lagoon back on since they are only in phase 1 of both and keep it under future items to track it.

City Manager Witzansky said to add a future objective under to seek funding

opportunities for secondary phases of the Herondo Open Space Development and Seaside Lagoon Facility Improvements.

Mayor Light asked to add to the item: look for additional staffing for events during budget.

Councilmember Obagi wanted to add to #40 that design skill for merchandise be part of the criteria for the company during the RFI.

City Manager Witzansky confirmed to add design expertise as part of the RFI.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referred to #36 and asked for a deadline to be placed on the Franklin Park all-abilities playground for late August or early September.

Community Services Department Director Hause provided an update on the timeline and said late August or early September is achievable.

The item was updated for that deadline.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referred to #37 and asked to add to refer to the Public Amenities Commission a discussion about the next phase or a master plan for Ito Park.

City Manager Witzansky updated the item to prepare an item for PAC consideration for next phase improvements at Ito Park.

Councilmember Behrendt referenced Goal 3.2 and said they need to make pickleball at Aviation Park a priority project; noted it has already been voted on and approved.

Discussion followed regarding next steps for that project, discussion of the design build for the Wilson Park courts in Torrance, and the costs associated with it.

Councilmember Waller asked if #43 covers the mobility project for Redondo Beach Blvd.

City Manager Witzansky confirmed it does.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked for a report on the Bicycle Master Plan for Goal 3.3.

City Manager Witzansky stated they provided a status report in the last cycle.

Public Works Director Winje provided some background and update on the Plan and stated they could provide a report for Council.

Councilmember Kaluderovic pointed out that Redondo Beach does a lot for transportation and it ends at their City lines so engagement of surrounding cities is needed, and the reports would be helpful.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Light moved onto Goal 4.1: IT Objectives; stated that key calendar items are still not being updated on the City's website.

Assistant to the City Manager Chung responded that if it is a City run event it is posted but if it is externally hosted, they wouldn't know the details of the event.

Discussion followed regarding the complaint emails the Mayor receives regarding events taking place that aren't advertised.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about the number of emails they all produce and receive; suggested they try to condense all the department email announcements into one email that a communications team could blast out weekly or monthly.

Discussion followed

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if the City's social media platforms could cross collaborate with the other social media accounts such as the Redondo Beach Teens.

Assistant to the City Manager Chung noted that the collaboration has to be initiated either by the City account or the Teen account and that they are working internally to have the accounts communicate with each other.

City Manager Witzansky provided some suggestions on how they can work on it but did not want to commit to a timeframe since it would take more staff time.

Councilmember Waller spoke about mygovtools.org, an AI tool that reads his social media accounts, reviews the City calendar, and his other calendars and events, and coalesces it and summarizes it for his newsletter; opined they could use something similar for the City for Goal 4.1.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the City can blast City subsidized information but external events are not something they publicize.

Mayor Light asked when they will know what AI tools they can use internally to the City network.

IT Director Cook said coming up with an AI Strategic Plan for the City is needed; stated they could probably select a general-purpose AI platform that staff could use internally but explore specific things for certain departments is something they would like to do; suggested they add a goal to develop a plan for it; cautioned Council that if they employ an AI tool it would make the City responsible for what it outputs and they need to work about compliance and ADA violations.

Councilmember Castle reported receiving several requests for an online payment tool for parking permits.

Police Chief Sprengel confirmed the online payment process is up and running and the website is running.

IT Director Cook commented if HR is on there it puts them outside the realm of possibility and suggested they develop a separate plan for HR for #46.

City Manager Witzansky directed staff to strike HR for now.

Mayor Light moved on to Goal 5.1; commented that he was empathetic towards the individual who came forward on the hedge prosecution; asked if they should relook at the hedge ordinance and tree canopy concerns to come up with a more equitable solution.

Councilmember Kaluderovic pointed out that the ordinance was a tool that addressed rodent issues; asked how they would manage other compliance issues encompassed in the hedge ordinance.

City Attorney Ford stated it addresses multiple things such as rodents, safety, visibility, fire hazards with the lines above.

City Manager Witzansky noted that it will be an intensive effort to look into.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Light dropped the item.

Councilmember Waller asked if there was a way to know how many tree wells the City has or the information on how they could find out; wanted to know which tree wells are available and allow residents to sign up for planting and maintaining trees at their own expense if they choose.

City Manager Witzansky stated the issue is not planting trees on private property but homeowners that don't want the trees in their parkway.

Public Works Director Winje reported that they have about 12,000 trees that are part of the public spaces, parkways, and parks; stated that the contractor that handles the tree trimming and tree maintenance for the City tracks all the trees; explained the difficulties in measuring canopy of just the City's public spaces; recalled that Council decided not to pursue it but if they want to pick it up again they can but they priced it between \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the review.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted that they must have willing participants to agree to water the trees they plant and maintain them.

Public Works Director Winje reported that they do not have unwilling participants but more budget to plant trees would increase the number.

City Manager Witzansky noted it is a follow-up budget item.

Discussion followed on allowing residents to sign up to plant trees that would be City owned, problems with commercial contractors planting in the right-of-way, and the possibility of developing a free permit for people to inform them of tree planting.

City Manager Witzansky asked for Councilmember Waller to form a Strategic Plan item for them to follow up on.

Councilmember Waller provided Long Beach DIY Tree Planting Resource as a resource to develop a site for residents to sign up; agreed to keep on the Strategic Plan to keep tabs on it.

Mayor Light moved onto Goal 5.2; asked to broaden #51 and mentioned he has been working with Director Wiener on the preservation ordinance to make it more balanced; reported receiving material from Ron Maroko that prevents the City from having to redo a survey for a large sum of money.

Councilmember Behrendt recalled that they just agreed to two approaches for preserving historic resources: involuntary vs voluntary; stated he would like to give the Director the opportunity to implement the outreach education incentivization program; requested they get a report on it after 12-18 months; summarized his understanding of the program.

Mayor Light asked the Council to consider another plan that he would like to bring forward to protect historic resources when a recalcitrant homeowner says no.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated they are already going forward with the direction they provided to Director Wiener, but they could hear the Mayor's proposal in the meantime and get an update from the City.

City Manager Witzansky noted they need to reword #51 to reflect the Historic Resources List as well as reporting on the status of the community outreach efforts.

More discussion followed.

Community Development Director Wiener provided background on the topic from the discussion at the Council meeting; stated there were conflicts where owners did not opt in, Council provided direction to prepare an ordinance, and that the Mayor was working on an alternative process; noted that the Public Amenities Commission subcommittee is

working on outreach efforts.

City Manager Witzansky said they will update the objective to capture their discussion and provide a timely report.

More discussion followed on the drafting of the ordinance, the inconsistencies with owner's consent, and other items staff need to focus on prior to this item such as the AACAP Article 27 analysis ballot measure.

Mayor Light asked if any other elected officials or staff wanted to add anything.

Councilmember Obagi asked about the renaming of various parks.

City Manager Witzansky stated, as a precursor to the renaming conversation, staff wanted to bring forward a renaming policy.

Mayor Light asked if they could rename all the parks with no policy and by resolution.

City Manager Witzansky responded yes, depending on how they wanted to proceed; asked Director Hause how long it would take for her to come back with a policy discussion.

Community Services Director Hause responded by the summer.

Councilmember Obagi suggested they create a proposed policy, see if they all agree, and figure out if the renaming conforms to the policy.

City Manager Witzansky stated they will work on an objective that captures the formulation of a subcommittee to work on a City facility renaming policy.

Councilmember Obagi and Mayor Light agreed to work on it together.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Laura Diaz reported no one online and no eComments.

City Manager Witzansky stated all they need is to set a date for consideration of approval of the plan; said his preference would be to bring it back on May 5, 2026.

Council agreed to that date.

N. ADJOURNMENT – 5:06 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the Strategic Planning Session.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

The next meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will be 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, April 14, 2026, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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City Clerk