



Minutes
City of Redondo Beach – Regular Meeting
Public Safety Commission
July 21, 2025

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Carmichael, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Carmichael, Gaul, Klainbaum, Wodnicki, Escontrias

Commissioners Absent: Blair, Skiba

Officials Present: Kyle Lofstrom, Police Officer/Public Safety Liaison

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Carmichael led the Commissioners in a salute to the flag. A moment of silence was taken post-flag salute for the Sheriff Deputies that were lost in the LAPD.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, to approve the order of agenda.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Officer Lofstrom reported one public comment in the Blue Folder.

Chair Carmichael read Mark Nelson's public comment from the Blue Folder Item.

Commissioner Gaul referenced back in 2017, Officer Deer held meetings on traffic calming solutions for the Public Safety Commission; opined the scope of the Public Safety Commission has evolved over time but not formally; expressed the Public Safety Commission has been flexible and cooperative on any topic given; noticed members of City Council have specific interests related to improving traffic safety; referenced past

discussions regarding stroke rehabilitation for emergency patients; advised to see past discussions regarding the topic at hand.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 16, 2025

Chair Carmichael called for a motion to approve the consent calendar including the affidavit of posting and approval of minutes.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. For eComments and Emails Received by the Public

Chair Carmichael introduced H.1. and opened the floor for public comment.

Officer Lofstrom reported there was an email attached and no public comments or eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1 DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUESTING CITY MANAGER/CITY STAFF TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON ITEMS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET THAT PERTAIN TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Carmichael noted no member of City staff, or the City Manager are in attendance; opened the floor for public comment.

Officer Lofstrom confirmed there were no public comments or eComments.

Commissioner Escontrias referenced recent comments made by the City Council in regards to their lack of adding anything to any discussion concerning the fiscal budget; disagreed with City Council's claims, stated the Public Safety Commission gave the City Manager several issues and questions to review; wondered whether or not the City Manager presented them to the Council; voiced concerns regarding transparency, as well as a fiduciary responsibility to have conveyed the information; stated if the City Manager had conveyed the Public Safety Commission's feedback, then maybe it was not well received; was interested to see if there was a paper trail; added City staff have a fiduciary responsibility to make corrections; summarized the discussion was about transparency and communication with the community; expressed it appeared as if the Public Safety

Commission are negligent in their duties, which was far from the truth; shared his job and his life have dealt with integrity and being held to a higher standard; expressed the government should be held to a higher standard and be held responsible for what they say and do.

Commissioner Klainbaulm asked if the Public Safety Commission could acknowledge item H.1.

Chair Carmichael confirmed the email in H.1. was acknowledged.

Commissioner Gaul commented there should be a number behind every referral to City staff over the past 8 years to record how many times the Public Safety Commission asked for data on certain items without returned feedback.

Chair Carmichael echoed Commissioner Escontrias' comments; elaborated the night the Public Safety Commission provided feedback was very long because of the City Manager's presence, and being led by both the South Bay Cog and City Net; suggested to pull the video or the transcripts from that evening to submit to City Council, since City Council's feedback stated the Public Safety Commission did not provide any feedback despite a transcription of the night where the Public Safety Commission did provide a lot of feedback with respect to the budget exists.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor for open comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

I.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ADVISORY MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING TRUCK ROUTE MATTER WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Chair Carmichael asked the Public Safety Commission if they should still send out an advisory memo despite not receiving a closeout memo.

Commissioner Escontrias indicated to not close out the subject; suggested to let the subject go; understood the subject will be transferred over to Public Works; expressed there was a difference between Public Works as the mechanical side to the issues, as opposed to the real side, enforcement; opined enforcement cannot be handled by Public Works; referenced a question brought up by the Public Safety Commission and the community, regarding traffic enforcement being one layer to the issue; expressed the Public Safety Commission could debate about the total number of stop signs, despite its irrelevancy; expressed it was a matter of people being serviced and reassured PD will come when an issue arises; suggested the Public Safety Commission have made many attempts to speak to the community; felt the Public Safety Commission have made every attempt to address that their attempts to get information from the department have been

blocked; informed the Public Safety Commission were able to receive information through a third party by an open records request; raised concerns that unless someone else decides how they would like to continue, problems will continue to arise; stated the will of the people are still important; raised concerns that if it continues to be partly an enforcement issue, some contingencies will need to be addressed regardless of where the Public Safety Commission will go or whoever is on the Council; suggested to not close it out and to refer to staff for them to write in a notice; concluded the people need to be addressed and the problem will not go away.

Chair Carmichael agreed; clarified, since the Public Safety did not get a close out memo, they should still send one to provide the Public Safety Commission's recommendations.

Commissioner Escontrias agreed.

Chair Carmichael asked the Public Safety Commission if they would like for Commissioner Gaul to write an advisory memo.

Commissioner Klainbaum was in favor.

Commissioner Gaul confirmed he was in favor.

Commissioner Wodnicki agreed with Commissioner Escontrias and was in favor of Commissioner Gaul to write the advisory memo.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Gaul, seconded by Chair Carmichael, to write an advisory memo to City Council, Mayor, and staff regarding the truck traffic effect on public safety is being handled, call on them for action to review and consider options to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

Officer Lofstrom asked Commissioner Gaul if he would like to send the advisory memo before the next meeting for it to be presented and voted on.

Commissioner Gaul agreed.

Officer Lofstrom suggested to have the memo prior to Thursday.

Commissioner Gaul stated he would work on the advisory memo the next day and send it to Officer Lofstrom.

Commissioner Escontrias asked Officer Lofstrom whether the memo would be sent to the next Public Safety Commission meeting or City Council.

Officer Lofstrom informed the Public Safety Commission, if Commissioner Gaul authors a memo, the Public Safety Commission would have to first approve it.

Commissioner Escontrias felt Commissioner Gaul did author the memo.

Commissioner Gaul agreed; asked Officer Lofstrom if he could write the memo verbatim from the recorded message on YouTube.

Commissioner Escontrias asked why Commissioner Gaul had to write it.

Chair Carmichael replied it is how it's presented to them.

Discussion followed regarding the process of presenting the advisory memo.

Officer Lofstrom clarified that if the PSC voted affirmatively on the message permitting him to send the advisory memo to City Council he could write it verbatim after the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Wodnicki, seconded by Chair Carmichael, to move forward with the advisory memo as is.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

I.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADVISORY ACTION REGARDING REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE 5-1.200, CONCERNING LICENSING OF DOGS

Commissioner Escontrias understood how the discussion evolved into cats; clarified there was no chipping of cats involved; referenced a document he provided to Chair Carmichael concerning the ordinance, the word cat was displayed 7 times out of 5,387-word count; looked at the cost; stated if the ordinance was enacted, the cost analysis between animal control would probably be no more than \$150 or \$38.74 per hour on the higher end, for an animal control officer if they were able to return the animal within a 2-3 hour timeframe; mentioned if a dog was not reunited with their owner after 3 hours;

claimed animal control does not follow the municipal code within the 5-1 200 series that requires animal control to post a photo of the dog on a bulletin board; explained after 3 to 4 hours, the dog is driven to Inglewood, adding another hour or an hour and a half; stated the Lieutenant must be aware as he supervises that unit; referenced there was a charge to get a dog out of the impound; stated the City and pet owner would look at over \$1,000 to \$1,500 in cost in addition to traumatic effects; mentioned other cities are going towards similar types of ordinances and requested, upon the time of the licensing, the owner provide microchip information on the license for readily available identification; understood the organization which the City contracts are set up for it, therefore there should be no indication the organization would have to update their software; suggested to take a phone call or wand the dog themselves as the equipment is already in the City's inventory; argued the process would come at minimal cost; asked the Public Safety Commission if everyone has a copy of his proposal and the ordinance.

Commissioner Wodnicki expressed it was important to note, City Council questioned why the Public Safety Commission were discussing microchipping animals or the specifics of dogs; expressed City Council forgot animal control was under public safety; reiterated animal control falls under public safety; suggested if City Council forgets, they can look at the flowchart or the website as it is a public safety issue that affects the community.

Commissioner Escontrias asked if this was a recommendation to the City Council to consider as advisory.

Chair Carmichael confirmed this item was for an advisory memo and not a charter.

Commissioner Gaul asked Commissioner Escontrias for the number of cats and dogs that are lost and killed each year in Redondo Beach.

Commissioner Escontrias stated neither himself nor the department would know; expressed it would not matter if the number ranged from 5 to 5,000 if it were Commissioner Gaul's dog for example; stated the estimates within the state of California say 80% of all homes in California will have some type of pet animal, 65% are dogs; estimated there are only 2,220 dogs licensed in the City; stated if one were to do the numbers, Redondo should have 15,000 dogs; raised concerns over the thought the City is only losing 5 dogs; mentioned the City of Los Angeles is investigating, while Houston and Las Vegas have that rule in place; mentioned he conversed with the Carson Animal Shelter regarding a project he was working on; shared the Carson Animal Shelter is a kill shelter; expressed the community would be better the faster they return dogs back to their owners; expressed the number dogs was not necessarily an issue; referenced the

question regarding cost; answered there was a difference between \$1,500 per dog to \$150; expressed it would be fiscally responsible, and officers have other duties such as driving to Inglewood to drop the dogs off; shared he worked on a project to provide a temporary kennel since dogs were being previously housed in trucks overnight and over the weekend.

Commissioner Gaul asked Commissioner Escontrias where he would get the budget or revenue from; estimated it would cost half a million dollars to get all the dogs microchipped in Redondo Beach, including advertising and labor costs; asked what if the cost was 150 times 15,000.

Commissioner Escontrias stated he has been a member of the Redondo Beach Dog Park for 25 years; reported that the Redondo Beach Dog Park have given \$25 microchips for free for the past 3 years; stated the cost of losing a dog and driving to Inglewood is no different than car insurance or pet insurance which the City would not pay for; did not feel it would discourage people from licensing their dog; expressed the City discourages people from licensing their dogs by the method of how it is done; felt it would give the City leverage if people would have to drive farther, and the proposal would add a safeguard.

Commissioner Gaul asked Commissioner Escontrias what he would like City Council to do on this topic.

Commissioner Escontrias stated he would like City Council to amend Municipal Code 5-1 200 to add the additional requirement to licensing; stated the Municipal Code currently states, in order to license a dog, you're required to provide a certificate of rabies administered by a licensed veterinarian; proposed to add a certificate certifying the dog is microchipped along with the number of the chip and the organization the City can access 24 hours a day; stated the City could outreach to 5 minimum free organizations a person can register their dog with; referenced the American Kennel Club as an example.

Commissioner Gaul asked for the time to sign up for one of the organizations.

Commissioner Escontrias stated one could sign up right away online; explained a person would put the microchip number in to register their dog, and check for updates if the dog was lost.

More discussion followed regarding the process of microchipping and vaccines.

Commissioner Gaul suggested having something on the Redondo Beach City Page that would say "microchip your dog or pet"; stated the scope could be discussed at a later date.

Commissioner Wodnicki interrupted to correct Commissioner Gaul's statement to reflect dog, not pet.

Commissioner Gaul corrected his suggestion to publish on the Redondo Beach City Website "microchip your dogs" and to include a list of volunteers, NGOs, and pet stores, etc. one can go to; asked for clarification if it would be an advisory licensing Commissioner Escontrias would like the City Council to pass for dogs; inquired if the process would include promotion through all public marketing means and the website.

Commissioner Gaul confirmed yes; stated in the package submitted to the Public Safety Commission and later could be submitted to City Council, it serves information from the American Kennel Club; provided explanation on the process of shelters checking microchips.

Commissioner Gaul wanted to confirm that the dog owner would handle their own payment, and it not forced onto residents as a form of tax.

Commissioner Escontrias confirmed it would not.

Commissioner Gaul favored Commissioner Escontrias's advisory memo; shared seeing lost dog fliers.

Commissioner Escontrias spoke about the unfortunate reality for lost dogs; referenced the app Next Door and Ring were inundated with inquiries about loose dogs; shared there was an issue with people not turning property over; elaborated dogs are considered property and if one finds a dog, they are required to turn it over to the police.

Commissioner Klainbaum shared he has been a resident and property owner in Redondo Beach for 39 years, 14 of which as a dog owner; observed hardly anyone volunteers to get their dog licensed, unless a problem or complaint arises; raised concerns over the effect of the amended municipal code if it were to pass.

Commissioner Escontrias replied that people who do not want to license their dog would most likely continue to not license their dog; informed the Public Safety Commission, prices for elders for dog licenses are \$10 and minors, \$20; shared the amended municipal code is not to look for more money; understood the City is at a loss with 16

animal control officers; felt animal control officers are not aggressive enough; discussed the process of dog bites and dog training.

Commissioner Wodnicki responded to Commissioner Klainbaum; shared her experience in running microchipping clinics on the East Coast; observed dog owners would not fill their paperwork at home after microchipping; expressed the amended municipal code would allow an avenue where dog owners can apply for a dog license and at least the City of Redondo Beach would have the microchip information.

Chair Carmichael asked the Public Safety Commission if they approve of the advisory memo, all present commissioners agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, to approve the advisory note requesting City Council to take into consideration the amending of Municipal Code 5-1 200 concerning the licensing of dogs to add the requirement that in addition to the requirement of rabies vaccination, information concerning chips and a microchip of a dog to be required and placed in the dog's official registration with the City.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

I.4 DISCUSSION ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Chair Carmichael stated the Public Safety Commission had some asks of their Liaison with respect to item I.4; shared it was not a new discussion; wanted to remind the Public Safety Commissioners that they had asks; introduced Officer Lofstrom to begin, and to open discussion after.

Officer Lofstrom stated their crime analyst pulled numbers for juvenile traffic citations:

- 273 from May 2024 through 2025

Top 3 Violations:

- Stop signs
- Helmet
- Red lights and speed

Juvenile Arrests or Other Citations

- 74 from May 2024 to 2025

Top 3 Violations:

- 602
 - Welfare in institutions code for every juvenile arrest
- Petty theft
- 148A1
 - Resisting, obstructing, delaying an officer or misdemeanor

Discussion followed to identify violation codes.

Commissioner Klainbaum asked if the juveniles were in groups or individuals when the citation was issued.

Officer Lofstrom confirmed citations are issued individually; shared the citation information is not clear determining whether it was cited to a group or an individual juvenile.

Commissioner Klainbaum raised concern over the high number of juveniles, acknowledged there are many juveniles in the City; was unsure whether the stats were good or bad; asked what the meaning of the data was.

Chair Carmichael stated Commissioner Blair posed that to the Public Safety Commissioners; listed off questions about what to do with the data and where to proceed.

Commissioner Klainbaum stated if there were 0 citations or a very low number, it would mean there is no problem or nothing is being enforced, but since the data displays 74 and 273, there is confirmation of juveniles violating the code in the City.

Chair Carmichael added, the data proves there is evidence of enforcement; shared the data would dispute comments made about the Public Safety Commission regarding nothing being done or running rampant; thanked Officer Lofstrom for the information.

Commissioner Gaul asked what the average or median of the citation costs are to the parents who have to pay.

Officer Lofstrom stated citations usually vary, and it is dependent on the court's side.

Commissioner Gaul shared his experience getting a \$10 ticket in Newport Beach for not having a sticker; suggested an average or median of citation costs would be important to add; thanked staff for providing data.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if the stop sign violations vehicular or on bicycles.

Officer Lofstrom stated it was not specified in that data; shared it would be an additional breakdown; shared he asked for the total; imagined a good number for the juveniles are on bicycles due to it increasing as a topic for discussion and the traffic unit.

Commissioner Wodnicki stated she was curious to look at data from previous years before E-bikes were commonplace, before COVID, to compare numbers and determine if it is becoming a problematic issue; listed off questions on how to analyze the data given.

Officer Lofstrom expressed that the E-bike issue hit its stride at the end of last year; shared how school programs and heavy enforcement were implemented; drew a connection on the method of transportation and juvenile delinquency shifting through the decades.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to the Public Safety Commissioners for any additional comments.

There were no further comments; Chair Carmichael told Commissioner Wodnicki if she would like to add items to the Liaison list with respect to additional reports, they can be placed.

Motion by Chair Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Wodnicki, to continue item I.4 into the next meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

There were no public comments or eComments.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Stephanie Johnson.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson introduced herself; provided clarification to institution code 602; shared 602 is the code section that provide jurisdiction for juvenile delinquency court to hear cases that involve minors, it would not be a specific violation; clarified penal code section 602 is the type of crime commonly known as trespassing; shared she was in her 3rd month as a Senior Deputy City Prosecutor; stated her primary role focuses on quality of life cases; referenced Commissioner Escontrias's last inquiry regarding numbers related to cases filed by the City Prosecutor's office; shared the City Prosecutor's office contract with the City of Hermosa and handle their misdemeanor filing; stated she met with Melanie Chavira to discuss the data and annual reviewed cases.

Reviewed Hermosa Beach Cases

- 6 to 800 cases per year

Reviewed Redondo Beach Cases

- Between 1800 and 2000

Referenced Commissioner Escontrias's last question regarding the number of cases that are not filed after they've been reviewed by the City Prosecutor's office; estimated around 10% of cases that are reviewed between Hermosa and Redondo are not filed after having been reviewed by a City Prosecutor one of her designees.

Chair Carmichael thanked Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson; called Public Safety Commissioners individually for comment.

Commissioner Escontrias asked if the 10% were either rejected or sent back for further investigations.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson elaborated when a case is fully rejected, it means the case for one reason or another will not be able to be proved beyond a reasonable doubt in court or there was a legal issue presented at the time of filing; explained if a case was rejected for further investigation, it would allow the City Attorney's office to present the case back to the assigned detective or arresting officer to provide clarification or more information; further stated, once the information is sent back to the City Attorney's office then it would be reviewed further; informed the Public Safety Commission about a lesser known third option, where there is an opportunity to present the case in an office hearing, where the case is not formally filed but there is oversight with an independent governing body.

Commissioner Escontrias asked Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson if she had worked in the DA's office before.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson confirmed that was correct.

Commissioner Escontrias referenced a blue sheet for rejections; asked if the City Prosecutor's office has something similar to a blue sheet.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson confirmed there are forms that would delineate the reasons for rejection.

Commissioner Escontrias raised concerns from a supervisor's point of view, if there are issues concerning rights or sufficient probable cause, it would become a training issue that could be addressed before it becomes a problem; compared the forms to blue sheets' uses; understood there had to be a connection between an arrest and filing policies for determination; raised concerns about why the filings are only 10% and the increase in liability.

Commissioner Klainbaum expressed it was really good 10% of the cases were dropped.

Commissioner Gaul thanked Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson for her hard work.

Commissioner Wodnicki had no comments to share.

Chair Carmichael asked Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson how she was doing.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson expressed feeling very well; shared it is an honor to work with the City; stated she works with a great group of people and is looking forward to continuing with her role as the Quality-of-Life Prosecutor.

Chair Carmichael asked if Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson knew who manages the Quality-of-Life inbox and if she had stats on how many emails come in and are meaningfully responded to.

Senior Deputy City Prosecutor Johnson does not know specifically who is in it; does not believe she is in that email; mentioned Code Enforcement is involved in it; will circle back with an answer and get clarity on Quality-of-Life for next month's meeting.

Chair Carmichael expressed desire to promote the inbox for those who play the meeting back, as they receive emails or residents showing up to his house.

Commissioner Gaul expressed gratitude to the Redondo Beach Traffic Unit for solving a local issue with a trash truck picking up trash by Lincoln Elementary while kids were going to school and there was a quick left turn into the one way on Plant and the truck was slowly moving while cars were passing and kids were crossing the street; referenced an email response with Lieutenant King regarding an issue with noise as an example about protocol in using the Quality-of-Life inbox.

Commissioner Wodnicki had no comments to share.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor for public comment.

Brian Long from the Police Department thanked the City Prosecutor's office for their hard work; mentioned Mike Webb spoke earlier this year; shared the City handle about 3,000 misdemeanor cases per year, while larger cities work on 500 to 600; shared City Prosecutor Melanie Chavira recently became appointed as a judge in the Superior District.

There were no public comments or eComments.

J. 2 DISCUSSION OF CRIME RECAP/COMMUNITY POLICING/VOLUNTEERS

Officer Lofstrom covered a press release for a death investigation that occurred on July 10th; shared based on the preliminary investigation, the incident had been determined to be a suicide; informed the Los Angeles County Coroner's office was notified and is responding to the investigation.

Officer Lofstrom provided a crime recap; there was Coffee with a Cop on June 26th at Einstein Bagels; The City had its UCLA Blood Drive; Officer Lofstrom had a goal of 100 donations, shared there were a high number of deferrals; raised up to 84 donations and a total of 260 units of blood; notified there will be a neighborhood watch meeting on July 17th; shared upcoming events such as the LACPC Canine Show at Redondo Union High School, on Saturday, July 26th from 1:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M; shared there will be a collaboration between the Police Department and Chik-fil-a; informed they will sponsor a coupon code to raise money for the Cancer South Bay Cancer Support Community around Flagler and Artesia; shared the Community Based Officer will be doing a Library Storytime for children at the Redondo Beach Main Library on August 6; promoted National Night Out on August 9th; notified Citizens Academy Class 52 will begin at the end of August.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor for public comment.

Commissioner Escontrias raised concerns about the Council not opting to acknowledge those in the Volunteering in Policing members who have hit a certain number of hours or points of light; expressed he found it disturbing and as a volunteer and City resident, snubbing them would be problematic; asked how one would be able to present someone of authority to the volunteers; shared that it would show the people, the City cares; referenced his experience regarding neighborhood watch groups; asked how many organized neighborhood watch groups does the City have and how many are still active.

Officer Lofstrom replied there are 147 Captains covering 188 blocks.

Commissioner Escontrias asked how many were active.

Officer Lofstrom would only be able to speculate based on active meetings or action; stated it was not something the Police Department kept tabs on; noted they give information to anyone who would like to be part of the neighborhood watch newsletter; shared numbers on how many he has filed; spoke about his engagement with the neighborhood watch group.

Commissioner Escontrias raised concerns about the data of consistently active neighborhood watch groups; further discussed the lack of responses and action from the neighborhood watch groups and a lack of action from the Police Department regarding getting the data about neighborhood watch activity; circled back to the first inquiry regarding certificates and volunteer acknowledgement.

Officer Lofstrom stated he sent an email to Commissioner Escontrias about making a request to the Police Department, but they were not interested because the nexus to Redondo Beach is not there.

Commissioner Escontrias argued the volunteers should be recognized for the work they did in Redondo Beach; stated if the Police do not want to do it, then to announce it but the organization that has paid is based in Redondo Beach.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked why exactly the Police Department does not want to acknowledge the volunteers.

Officer Lofstrom stated the Police Department would rather do their own recognitions.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if the Police Department does acknowledge their volunteers.

Officer Lofstrom confirmed there are events that happen throughout the year.

Further discussion regarding the Police Department acknowledging the volunteers was had.

Commissioner Escontrias asked if there was an email indicating the request to acknowledge volunteers.

Officer Lofstrom stated the topic was discussed months ago and did not remember if it was by email or verbal discussion; stated if Commissioner Escontrias would like to give awards to the volunteers he is welcome to do so.

Commissioner Klainbaum commented on the first part of Crime Recap; expressed shock over people not locking their cars when there are car thefts and robberies.

A discussion over police technology was had to determine if there were ways for the Police Department to catch the thieves faster or alerts when a robbery is happening.

Commissioner Gaul expressed happiness with Commissioner Escontrias working with the Volunteers in Policing on some national night out events; shared a story regarding him sharing a Volunteers in Policing event after getting broke into; shared the Police Department handled the situation very well; agreed volunteers in policing deserve recognition; referenced events surrounding community support and acknowledgements; suggested residents would feel excited to be acknowledged by the Police Chief, along with City Council and Mayor.

Commissioner Wodnicki desired to take a moment to acknowledge the loss of life at South Bay Galleria; expressed that anytime one talks about suicide, resources should also be provided, as this person was in a crisis and felt they were alone; shared the crisis hotline 988 for everyone; stated it was important to acknowledge that loss of life and honor that person.

Commissioner Gaul thanked Commissioner Wodnicki for her acknowledgement; stated it was duly appreciated; stated if there is anyone between age young to 24, the Alcove Beach City's Health District would be a good way to join and get distraction, counseling, get involved; shared as a member of one of their Committees, he really liked how the Alcove Beach City's Health District are raising funds to improve the program and their

services for the youth; shared his personal story with those affected by suicide; expressed gratitude for honoring the loss of life.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

J.3 DISCUSSION OF RECENT UPDATES ON ENHANCED RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

Chair Carmichael stated he had received a call from City Net who came to present to the Public Safety Commission; introduced City Net as the supplement to Lila and as our outreach groups; stated City Net received a call from City Attorney Joy Ford saying they did not have any more money to pay them; expressed it was strange because that was the money allocated through the end of their contract; shared City Net asked him where the money was at; stated City Attorney Joy Ford called after the first vote to disband on July 2nd; stated to point everyone to look at the Budget and Finance Committees website or commission meetings where they have created an excel spreadsheet and used the word accountability; stated the agenda item had also disappeared; stated he is not a conspiracy theorist, however noted there was no commentary or emphasis that the Public Safety Commission kept track of the program enhancing the response to homelessness; stated they never gave that topic a home or to transfer it to Public Works; stated when the Public Safety Commission tried to figure out where the money was going, they were shut down and Budget and Finance Commission picked the discussion up and now it's shut down; referenced the Financial Director as the Budget and Finance's Kyle; stated the Public Safety Commission uncovered \$14 million was raised; referenced the Public Safety Commission had asked regarding the program's sustainability and finance.

Officer Lofstrom stated if it was relevant, the City Net contract expired on June 30th.

Chair Carmichael stated it was both relevant and not because the money should have been budgeted all the way; questioned why City Attorney Joy Ford did not call to tell them their contract ended and not that there was no money; asked where the City Council agenda was sunseting their outreach to homeless, expressed City Net as subcontractors reached out to the community as shown in their monthly report; stated he had City Net add him to the monthly report and they called to say no one from Redondo had called them back after City Attorney Ford's voicemail; asked many questions regarding where City Net's money is.

Commissioner Escontrias emphasized importance in the perspective of a citizen of the Redondo Beach community wondering where the money went; referenced accountability as a repeated issue; expressed desire to be shown proof if the enhanced program to combat homelessness is working; claimed the most important thing the Public Safety Commission has are dots to ask questions; shared they were responsible for putting the pallet housing; shared personally building the dog relief area; expressed he has no issue working with transparent people; suggested addressing the issue through an advisory action; suggested to request a forensic audit be conducted on the program.

Commissioner Klainbaum stated he would also like to know where the money went; stated seeing a drastic drop in homelessness around Veterans Park when he went on a stroll with his wife; stated he bragged to his wife that the City solved homelessness until she asked where did the homeless people go, to which he had no answer; expressed the presentation for the City Net impact report are smoke and mirrors; questioned why the City needs a large budget for homelessness if it has been solved.

Chair Carmichael referenced the cost of Police and Fire department bills; argued the City cannot claim homelessness is down yet continue to charge 650,000; agreed with Commissioner Escontrias's point that the budget may cover additional services the City provides.

Further discussion raising concerns regarding the lack of clarification and provided information continued.

Commissioner Wodnicki expressed desire to know the status on the pallet shelter expansion; asked why the expansion had not begun and what the delays are.

Chair Carmichael stated Commissioner Wodnicki's questions are legitimate; made a reference to his meeting with the Mayor related to filing too many public records requests.

Commissioner Escontrias stated the Public Safety Committee is not an oversight committee; understood there should have been reports that reflect the concerns regarding pallet housing to the Public Safety Commission; raised concerns over transparency; disagrees with the claim that the Public Safety Commission are overstepping because it was written into a contractual agreement.

Further discussion regarding auditing the program and bolstering the brand of the program continued.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor for public comment.

Officer Lofstrom read a comment from City Attorney Joy Ford; City Attorney Joy Ford stated she had emailed a reminder in June to City Net which stated the contract would expire on June 30th; City Attorney Joy Ford's comment stated City Net continued to do work in July to transition clients to Lila without permission; read the City Attorney's office has to ask council to approve a new contract to pay for the work City Net continued in July; read the Finance Commission will discuss homelessness at a later date.

Discussion regarding the voicemail and Joy Ford's eComment continued.

Chair Carmichael asked the Public Safety Commissioners for further comments.

Commissioner Escontrias had no further comments.

Commissioner Gaul supported what the City Attorney have been doing in regards to sexual assault in the City.

Commissioner Wodnicki had no further comments.

Chair Carmichael motioned to draft a memo to the City Council, in part to ask the Budget and Finance Committee Commission to formally pick up a program audit to the extent that there is anything that's out of scope for the Public Safety Commission, and the Public Safety Commission will request a program audit to understand Sunrise and Sunset.

Commissioner Gaul asked how often the audit would be conducted and expressed concerns on time and labor.

Chair Carmichael stated he would be happy for an amendment; stated he wanted a snapshot in time since City Attorney Joy Ford stated it ended on 6/30.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if the Public Safety Commission wanted to ask City Council to ask Budget and Finance.

Chair Carmichael stated they could send an advisor.

Chair Carmichael amended his motion to be an advisory memo to City Council for a program audit of our enhanced response to homelessness.

Commissioner Wodnicki asked if the Public Safety Commission wanted to add why.

Chair Carmichael stated it was because they were just notified the program is sunset.

Commissioner Gaul asked what was being audited.

Chair Carmichael stated it would include the pallet shelter, fundraising efforts, and where the money is for Health Net; stated Health Net gave the City \$1.5 million dollars and half a million was intended for the new pallet shelter.

Commissioner Gaul asked what did the program learn, what would apply, and what were the results.

Chair Carmichael asked whether they are going to lose the designation of functional zero?

Chair Carmichael motioned, so moved by Commissioner Gaul.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

J.4 DISCUSSION ON SMOKE SHOPS

Chair Carmichael asked if J.4 could be moved to the next meeting; felt that participation was very low due to the public assuming the commission was over.

Commissioner Wodnicki would prefer to keep the item since she is unsure of her attendance for the next meeting; stated this was an item she bought up and would like to say her piece about; suggested the discussion could be continued into the next meeting; expressed the discussion should be continuous; announced putting something together since she did attend the July 1st Council meeting; stated nicotine and THC use during adolescence prime the brain for long term addiction and disrupts healthy development; stated the risks for THC and nicotine use are well documented; warned vaping tobacco and THC, especially unregulated or black market cartridges such as the ones seen in Redondo could cause serious injury or death; referenced the July 1st Council meeting, where during a discussion about permitting cannabis, Mayor Light remarked witnessing kids with Redondo Union High School shirts smoking THC openly at the Beach Life Festival; stated it was a warning sign to the City; referenced Councilmember Obagi who stated Redondo Beach had not been regulated for decades; reference Obagi speaking about the numerous violations discovered during the recent inspection of 15 tobacco only retailers; stated Redondo does not has 43 tobacco licenses not 15, because tobacco can be sold at liquor stores, gas stations,

supermarkets, pharmacies, etc.; argued it was reactive budgeting and ethically inconsistent to acknowledge on the record that youth vaping is a known and visible problem while moving forward with plans to expand other substances; stated the tax dollars would go to a general fund; raised concerns permitting cannabis when the Mayor and Council members have said they can't regulate tobacco; argued it was not the time to introduce another regulated substance.

Commissioner Escontrias agreed with Commissioner Wodnicki; discussed his background as a narcotics officer; referenced seeing a study last week claim the amount of legal money made by legal cannabis had taken a big downturn; felt bothered at the July 1st City Council meeting by people who were gleeful to make money; argued it opens the door for corruption; argued cannabis dealers cannot legally source their products due to different regulations; and tax fees; argued the biggest issue was seeing money; felt that the people who show up to the meetings advocating for legalized cannabis think of weed as calm, with their wine and cheese and in his experience, sitting in a drug den is a very different experience; shared a personal story about his uncle; discussed the effects of addiction.

Commissioner Klainbaum stated the public still does not realize the effect cannabis is having on our community; shared about his wife, a preschool teacher in South Redondo Beach who has witnessed both the child and the parent coming to preschool high from secondhand smoke or substances.

Commissioner Gaul agreed with Commissioner Escontrias about the various types of entities coming into town; argued if everyone only focused on the positives, they would fail to see the other businesses move somewhere else to avoid being associated with the smoke shops; argued rates of crime and financial issues would increase if cannabis shops were to be permitted.

Commissioner Wodnicki suggested there needs to be an ordinance where those tax dollars go to youth prevention enforcement.

Discussion about the tax fees charged for legalized cannabis and tobacco.

Chair Carmichael motioned, so moved by Commissioner Gaul.

Commissioner Wodnicki referenced a study from the Bay, in regards to cartridges and vapes ruining the oceans habitat.

A discussion regarding repercussions from smoke shops violating regulations; one unlicensed shop shut down since the Redondo Beach Police conducted a surprise inspection.

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

J.5 DISCUSSION ON CANNABIS

Officer Lofstrom recommended to motion J.5 as one topic.

Chair Carmichael stated they will do that in Item K for J.5

Chair Carmichael opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

K.1. PENDING ITEMS APPROVED BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Wodnicki stated she would like to continue the discussion on smoke shops and cannabis for the next meeting.

Commissioner Wodnicki motioned to combine the discussion on smoke shops and cannabis and then to continue it to the August meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

Commissioner Wodnicki motioned to ask the crime analyst for the exact same data from I.4 but for the years 2018 to 2019, to see the difference in the numbers.

Officer Lofstrom confirmed there does not need to be a second for the motion; stated he would get clarification on 602 as well.

L. ADJOURNMENT COMMEMORATING JULY, THE MONTH RECOGNIZING OUR NATIONS INDEPENDENCE– 9:20 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Commission, motion by Chair Carmichael, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M on Monday, July 21st, 2025 with joy, to recognize our nation's independence.

Motion carried 5-0-2, by voice vote. Commissioners Blair and Skiba were absent.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. 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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