

Minutes
Redondo Beach Harbor Commission
Monday, April 14, 2025
Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, April 14, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION – 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Harbor Commission was held at the City of Redondo Beach City Council Chambers and was called to order by Chair Callahan at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Abelman, Bauer, Carlson, Chrzan, Coller, Falk, Chair Callahan

Officials Present: Greg Kapovich, W.E.D. Director
Katherine Buck, W.E.D. Manager
Dave Charobee, Senior Management Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Bauer led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

The Commission concurred to approve the order of the agenda without objection.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Harbor Commission Meeting

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reported there are no Blue Folder Items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

**F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2025**

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: MARCH 10, 2025

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Collier, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Hearing no objections, Chair Callahan so ordered.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

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

There were no public comments.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION - None

L.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

W.E.D. Director Kapovich introduced the item; reported the process for providing input to City Council; narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's Strategic Plan process and recommended items related to the Harbor Commission to include in the Strategic Plan via a letter to City Council.

Commissioner Carlson recommended looking at consistent CUPs among pier businesses, pursuing the Gold's Gym site as a West Marine as well as a maintenance dredging permit and spoke about giving attention to the Harbor in terms of the "little things" like planters, wayfinding, future paths and benches and what has been done at the International Boardwalk. Additionally, he spoke about increasing Harbor Patrol's role and responsibilities, including inspecting marina facilities the same way the Fire Department inspects businesses and apartment buildings; talked about having Harbor Patrol increase the number of checks in a boat inspection; listed examples and suggested having them done every five years and spoke about rehoming unused vessels that are still usable.

Chair Callahan noted that the Coast Guard Auxiliary does courtesy inspections and would be happy to do them.

Discussion followed regarding their lack of staffing.

Commissioner Bauer agreed with Commissioner Carlson's suggestions and talked about growing the W.E.D. Department and W.E.D. Director Kapovich agreed there is a big push, within the Strategic Plan for increased economic development.

Commissioner Bauer commented on rewriting the LCP and W.E.D. Kapovich reported it is part of the Climate Resiliency Master Plan and spoke about the work group, having the Harbor Commission involved and staying focused on the Public Amenities Plan.

Commissioner Chrzan listed her recommendations including maintenance dredging, increasing the Harbor Patrol's role and responsibilities, including increased boat inspections and hitting on small areas in the plan in terms of cohesiveness and wayfinding in one of the nodes.

In reply to Commissioner Falk's question regarding the breakwater repair project, W.E.D. Director Kapovich provided a status update and appreciated including the Moonstone Park redevelopment project.

Chair Callahan commented on Moonstone Park; noted the money is sitting in the account, depreciating and every year the money is not used, the City is losing money.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich offered to write the letter and suggested the Commission nominate a member to work with him and Commissioner Carlson indicated he is happy to help.

There were no public comments on this item.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HARBOR COMMISSION'S POSITION ON COMMISSIONER CARLSON'S IDEA TO SEEK NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE TO AUGMENT THE EXISTING ARTIFICIAL REEF LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO KING HARBOR

DIRECTION TO STAFF AND COMMISSIONER CARLSON REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF A LETTER ARTICULATING THE COMMISSION'S POSITION ON AUGMENTING THE EXISTING REEF

Commissioner Carlson narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the proposed project.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of sinking abandoned vessels as reefs, enhancing what the Harbor already has, guidelines in terms of what can and cannot be dumped, costs associated with permits for dumping, regulations regarding the size of things to dump, the possibility of getting approval from the State Lands Commission and getting a vote of support from the Harbor Commission.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Abelman, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to endorse Commissioner Carlson's letter regarding augmenting the existing reef. Hearing no objections, Chair Callahan so ordered.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

M.1. LIAISON'S REPORT

W.E.D. Director Kapovich provided a detailed update of projects on the waterfront; spoke about the status of the public boat launch studies; addressed the marina parking lot project, the sewer pump project, Beach Life, the breakwall repair, sea bass grow pens, Seaside Lagoon, the non-profit sailing group and discussed an update on leasing on the waterfront.

Discussion followed regarding the breakwall repair and its impacts on parking, issues with the Maison Riz space, drawing crowds to the Harbor, coordinating with Recreation and Parks Commission for events, parking enforcement at Veterans Park, parking for motorized dinghies and the status of Friday Night Car Shows.

Discussion continued regarding getting details of the dredging project, plans for Beach Life Festival and distributing the status information on Strategic Plan items and projects and addressing the installation of more bike racks north of Portofino Way.

N. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF - None

O. ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Chrzan, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m. Hearing no objections, Chair Callahan so ordered.

Chair Callahan adjourned the meeting noting the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 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:



Greg Kapovich
W.E.D. Director