

Minutes Redondo Beach City Council Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Closed Session – Adjourned Regular Meeting 3:00 p.m. Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### 3:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 3:00 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, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi, Behrendt

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Melissa Villa, Analyst/Liaison

Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist/Liaison

- C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION None
- D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS None
- E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Liaison Bodkin reported no eComments and one Zoom attendee.

- F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 3:04 P.M.
- 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 Police Officers' Association and Redondo Beach Police Management Unit

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

Name of case:

Neel Karia v. City of Redondo Beach et al.

Case Number: 25LB0V02925

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

Name of case:

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

**Board** 

Case Number: 20STCP03193

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

### **AGENCY NEGOTIATORS:**

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager

### PROPERTY:

3007 Vail Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(a portion of APN: 415-001-7931)

Parking Lot at the Corner of Felton Ln. and 182nd St., Redondo Beach, CA

90278

(APN: 415-803-3900)

715 Julia Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(portion of parcels APN: 750-702-0900 and APN: 750-702-1900)

1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(APN: 404-900-8903)

807 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(a Portion of APN: 408-302-4900)

200 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(a portion of APN: 750-500-9902)

### **NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

Dr. Nicole Wesley, Superintendent Redondo Beach Unified School District

## **UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms** 

# F.5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

## **AGENCY NEGOTIATORS:**

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

## PROPERTY:

239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (portions of APN: 7503-029-903)

# **NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Allen Sanford, CA Surf Club**

#### UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

# F.6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

## **AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

## PROPERTY:

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

### **NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival

### **UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Price and Terms** 

# F.7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

#### AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

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

#### PROPERTY:

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

Jeff Jones, Quality Seafood, Inc.

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:** 

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER/EVALUATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54957(b).

Title: City Manager

Liaison Bodkin read titles to items that would be covered 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, Outside Labor Negotiator Laura Kalty, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Assistant to the City Manager Jane Chung, Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude, and W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to recess to Closed Session at 3:04 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0-2 by voice vote. Councilmember Obagi and Councilmember Behrendt were absent.

Mayor Light informed the group that tree lighting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and then they will be back for Open Session around 6:00 p.m.

## G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 6:09 p.m.

## H. ROLL CALL

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

Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Melissa Villa, Analyst/Liaison

Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist

#### I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky reported, for item F.2, Council unanimously voted to have the City Attorney represent the City in the matter.

# J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn to the Open Session at 6:09 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

#### 6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:10 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 (noted he attended

Closed Session), Behrendt,

Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Joy Ford, City Attorney (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

Melissa Villa, Analyst/Liaison

Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist

### C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Councilmember Castle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/AB 1234 TRAVEL

Councilmember Waller reported attending the RBPD Volunteer Luncheon, the Clean Power Alliance Board of Directors meeting, Riviera Village Holiday Stroll, Esplanade Clean-up, ribbon cutting at Now Massage, and RBPD Let It Snow event; noted Santa's Sleigh will be going through District 1 from Wednesday through Saturday that week; congratulated the RUHS Boys' Cross Country team for their placement at State and Nationals.

Councilmember Castle reported attending the RBPD Volunteer Luncheon and the Riveira Village Holiday Stroll; announced the District 2 King Harbor Boat Parade with events starting at 2:00 p.m. (provided details of the events), and his District 2 Community Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Library.

Councilmember Kaluderovic thanked the RB Police Association for Santa's visit to District 3.

Councilmember Obagi thanked the RBPD for the Let It Snow event, the MSOs that participated, Officer Lofstrom for being the MC of the event, and Community Services Department for hosting tables; reported on Monday, December 8, he phoned the City Attorney for questions on the Metro C-line extension, City Attorney Ford got him a response, he went to the meeting of the Transportation Committee at the South Bay Cities of Government Council, stated the steering committee acting as the Board decided to endorse the C-line extension without electing a route but noted significant disagreements and was happy he got that motion across.

Councilmember Behrendt reported refereeing the North Redondo Beach Region 17 AYSO U14 Girls' Championship over the weekend, highlighted Mary Kaluderovic was a standout player.

Mayor Light reported that the tree lighting ceremony just took place before Open Session; requested a special meeting with the South Bay Council of Governments regarding the upcoming joint housing trust; stated he has been communicating with the state senator, Ben Allen, and state assemblyman, Al Marachuchi, on some legislation; spoke about testing the new pond and stream at Wilderness Park; watched the Women of Lockerbie presented by RUHS; reported having a couple of meetings with Teresa Mitchell, RB resident, to move forward with a solution for a farmers' market; met with the group that organized the water polo tournament and they found a professional operator which he will meet with later in the week and hoped to organize a full program for open-water water polo in their Harbor next summer.

## E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported that she had received several comments about moving the order but felt keeping the order as is would be better.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the order of agenda as is.

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

Analyst Villa reported three Blue Folder items: J.1, N.1 and N.3.

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 AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:
A. NOVEMBER 18, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO. CITY CLERK

H.4. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2512-099, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLATFORM

**CONTACT:** JANE CHUNG, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

H.5. APPROVE THE PLANS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE GRANT AVE RESURFACING PHASE 1 - HARKNESS LANE TO GREEN LANE PROJECT, JOB NO. #70960

APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH DASH CONSTRUCTION (INITIALY HIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE AVIATION BOULEVARD AT ARTESIA BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, NORTHBOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,156,882 TO CONSTRUCT TWO ADDITIONALY PLANNED PROJECTS 1) THE GRANT AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT PHASE 1 - HARKNESS LANE TO GREEN LANE, JOB NO. 70960, AND 2) THE LOCAL TRAVEL NETWORK PROJECT, JOB NO. 41480

APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE CITY ENGINEER'S CHANGE ORDER AUTHORIZATION LIMIT FROM \$125,000 TO \$176,886 TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE PROJECTS

**CONTACT:** ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.6. APPROVE A TERMINATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SANDCASTLE PACIFIC, LLC, FOR THE STREET AND HIGHWAY EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 422 S. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA FOLLOWING PAYMENT OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE CITY ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2512-098, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUMMARILY VACATING AN EASEMENT FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES LOCATED AT 422 S. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**CONTACT:** ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the Consent Calendar as is.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Analyst Villa reported Marcie Guillermo had her hand raised.

Marcie Guillermo referenced item H.6 and requested that all the funds being allocated go towards District 1.

Analyst Villa reported no other hands raised and no eComments.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Analyst Villa read H.4 adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2512-099, and H.6 adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2512-098.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Public Works Director Winje for item H.5.

- I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None
- J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
- J.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Brian Day, Vice President of the Redondo Beach Police Officers' Association, spoke

about the work the police officers do day in and day out; noted that between 2022 and 2024 responded to 62,000 calls on average for service per year versus the City of Torrance that is much larger and have more staff responded to about 47,000 calls on average per year; reported the RBPD have seized over 120 guns in the City this year; spoke of the safety the police officers provide for the community and the dangers they face providing it; reported that the RBPD compensation for police officers is 10 out of 10 the lowest paid based on the 10 cities Redondo Beach has chosen to be compared with; felt the City has done nothing to better the situation and have told the RBPD that they do not have the means to bring them to the median; stated the problem has been going on for years and the City continues to ignore the issue and instead choose to fund other City projects; requested that the current Council, Mayor, and City Manager work to bring the police officers' pay to the median of the 10 comparable cities they have chosen.

Lauren Evelo, Detective with RBPD and Medal of Valor recipient, spoke of being one of the first four First Responders to the incident involving an active shooter in 2001; stated September 2025 marked her 10<sup>th</sup> year in serving the RBPD and has worked for the City for 13 years in total, provided more background information on her career with the City; stated she cannot live in the community she serves, works 10 hour shifts, commutes three hours a day to work, and her family time suffers for it; asked that the City give back to the officers that dedicate their lives to serving the City and the community so that they do not have to look elsewhere to work.

Jenna East, resident of South Redondo Beach, stated she is aware of the issue with the compensation for the RBPD and asked that the City provide compensatory pay with the neighboring cities; voiced her disappointment to hear that the City's police officers who ensure their safety are not compensated as well as surrounding cities; spoke of the safe environment in Redondo Beach and described her experiences living in another city to be the opposite; felt if the City does not prioritize their police officers, the police officers may not prioritize the City and said it scares her to think they will not attract quality police officers if they are not willing to fairly compensate them; spoke of the importance of the safety of the community and asked that Council reconsider how the City budget prioritizes its officers and how they portray that in their future negotiations; stated if the City does not prioritize the RBPD the residents will and if needed picket with them to make sure they are heard.

Holly Osborne noted her speech was submitted late and the City Clerk will post it the following day; reported she is from District 5; noted she gave part of her speech the day before to the COG regarding the ROW and the issues they will experience if two LRT tracks are added; spoke of the two rail options for the green-line, the ROW and the elevated section on Hawthorne, and that the ROW option was selected by Metro-line Board of Directors on May 2024 despite it not being the preferred option and the lack of discussion; provided more information on other discussions regarding red-lined areas; spoke about the Climate and Economic Justice Screening tool which determines what areas are disadvantaged (noted they are coded in blue); stated Redondo Beach is not coded as blue.

Jasmine Allen, Budget & Finance Commission, stated she was elected by the Commission to read a letter to the Council but due to political technicalities she will be reading the letter only on her behalf; stated her goal is to achieve fiscal transparency, accountability, and ensure both the Council and public have timely and accurate insight into the City's financial position; mentioned the Commission's authority is limited so felt it is important for the Finance Department and the City Council to communicate directly on budget matters while remaining transparent to the public; suggested the Finance Department provided quarterly updates directly to Council and that a formal reserves policy is initiated; spoke of the City's shortfall for 2025-26 and noted certain practices should be put in place; provided several recommendations that the City should adopt that are standard practice in the industry so that Council could stay better informed throughout the year and make timely informed policy decisions.

Jim Mueller, District 5, thanked the Mayor for his support in establishing a farmers' market on Artesia Blvd; mentioned the continued community support for the market; noted they have a Change.org site that continues to grow with signatures and that the Facebook and Next Door pages continue to have only positive comments.

Mike Shields II spoke about the need for a Film Commissioner for the City; mentioned FilmLA but that they only handle the City of Los Angeles; reported Councilmember Castle, prior to the meeting, mentioned how difficult it was to find how to get a film permit on the City's website to shoot in the City; provided reasons why the City needs a Film Commissioner and felt a dedicated office would be able to hype the City; spoke of a \$700 million subsidy that was passed for filming in California and felt there is an opportunity for Redondo Beach to make money by just opening up the City to Hollywood.

Mayor Light asked Mr. Shields to provide his contact information to him via email.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmember Castle for the Boat Festival festivities in which she will be a vendor; thanked Councilmember Obagi for representing the City so well at the COG; mentioned she has spoken several times about the common sense environmental hazards on the ROW due to the seven gas lines behind her home; recalled her previous discussions about the red-flag raised on running humans riders through a fuel corridor and documentation of the concerns and responses to them; spoke about the Crenshaw line and the issues and challenges with it having the potential to be catastrophic.

Erica Foster thanked the Mayor and Councilmember Kaluderovic for the responses to her emails; stated her concern is with the RBHA and their action to the shortfall with the Section 8 program; reported based on her research she found on the Public Housing Authority Directors' Association that there are three block grant funding opportunities that have deadlines of December 29<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> and they will need that application to be completed beforehand to apply for that funding that would help with the shortfall; noted it requires the applications to include provisions for increasing employment and economic stability for the participants in order to qualify for the grants; stated the longer they delay the less likely they will receive the shortfall funding; noted

that at the last RBHA no mention of the deadlines were mentioned and the next meeting for the RBHA is in March; spoke of timelines and deadlines; reported that Imelda Delgado has not contacted her as directed to last week during the RBHA meeting or anyone else that she was directed to speak to; asked if Council could help in the matter it would be appreciated.

Joan Irvine, District 1, referenced the cannabis survey that was discussed at the previous Council meeting; voiced her concerns about people's lack of knowledge with cannabis and that people have not visited any shops; opined it is unfair that they do not know what types of questions the survey will be asking; stated the Councilmember that participated in the drafting of the survey did not know the difference between THC and CBD; worried that nobody from the cannabis industry was consulted for the survey; stated that she thought this was all done in March and regulations were being set up but it was stopped by a small group of people; spoke of that same group guaranteeing her the PTA vote during the mayor election if she changed her position on cannabis; urged anyone taking the survey to go to a dispensary and to educate themselves on cannabis; offered to help with open houses at dispensaries or any questions anyone had regarding cannabis.

Wayne Craig, District 1, felt after the holiday season the City needs to look to see how local businesses are doing; spoke of businesses in Riviera Village still suffering from the effects of Covid and the City supported those businesses by providing free holiday parking for years but the City has chosen to almost eliminate the free parking this season; showed the back page of the Easy Reader dated November 27<sup>th</sup> which featured free holiday parking from November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan Beach; stated the neighboring cities understand how free parking helps businesses and brings revenue to their city; spoke of Redondo Beach following neighboring cities when it comes to other things such as raising parking fees so they should also follow their lead when they support local businesses; asked Council to reconsider offering free holiday parking before it negatively impacts the businesses.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, thanked the Council for actions they took regarding the mural on Catalina Avenue; stated that the Riviera Village Festival was wonderful; requested that next year's tree lighting event provide food and refreshments.

Mayor Light closed Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items due to the time limit.

### K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Light reported speaking to Councilmember Behrendt and City Manager Witzansky regarding item L.1.

Councilmember Waller reported speaking to the City Manager on L.1.

Councilmember Castle reported speaking to the City Manager on L.1.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking to the City Manager on L.1.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke to the Mayor and City Manager on L.1.

#### L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OF THE URGENCY ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON SMOKE SHOPS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 COMMENSURATE WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE CITY'S NEW SMOKE SHOP REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 3310-25

PROCEDURES: 1. Open the public hearing, take testimony and deliberate; 2. Close the public hearing; and 3. Approve the termination of Urgency Ordinance imposing a moratorium on development of smoke shops.

TERMINATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3294-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY AND FINDING THE TERMINATION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

**CONTACT:** MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to open the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Community Development Director Wiener stated if Council approves the item the termination of the Urgency Ordinance would be effective as of January 21, 2026 for the inland portions of the City and the coastal zones' date is determined by the California Coastal Commission; noted that the Urgency Ordinance terminates April 25, 2026 regardless since it will be at the one year period; stated if for some reason the Coastal Commission does not certify this LCP amendment by that date, staff will bring another urgency ordinance to City Council to extend it while they wait for certification for the coastal zone areas.

Mayor Light asked if the City can extend it after they terminate it.

City Attorney Ford replied no, they would have to establish a new urgency ordinance.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Analyst Villa reported no hands raised on Zoom and no eComments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to terminate Urgency Ordinance No. 3294-25 and Ordinance 3310-25.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Analyst Villa read the termination of Ordinance No. 3294-25.

- M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS None
- N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION
- N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINAL DESIGN OF THE KING HARBOR GATEWAY SIGN REPLACEMENT

**CONTACT:** JANE CHUNG, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant to the City Manager Chung provided an outline of her presentation; recapped that on November 4, 2025 staff presented design options to Council, Council directed staff to work with Stellen Design with their preferred option (#7) with heavier font and consult with Stellen Design on the character count for the lower signage before sign procurement; showed the Council's preferred option on a slide along with the option with heavier font.

Mayor Light asked if Stellen Design provided any feedback.

Assistant to the City Manager Chung stated that Jordis with Stellen Design was on the line to answer questions; provided another slide with another option featuring the original font from the current sign; presented the options Council discussed for the wording on the lower signage which resulted in three different options with character counts of 54, 54, and 56; reported Stellen Design recommended a character count of 53 – 57 and offered four more wording options for Council's consideration; reviewed the Redondo Beach King Harbor sign historical archive, noted it is due for refurbishment, and funding is available in the CIP budget; provided some historical background regarding the King Harbor sign; noted in 2003 the City assumed full responsibility for the sign after it required major repairs following storm damage; explained in detail the various updates the sign has had from 1920 through 1995; went over the project timeline starting with the bidding process for a manufacturer/installer and painting contractor with the actual work beginning early 2026 to mid-2026; noted intermittent closures of the left turn lane at Anita St. and PCH would occur; reported Stellen Design LLC will be involved throughout the process; stated staff recommends that Council provide direction to staff on the following:

- 1) Final design election for King Harbor Gateway Sign
- 2) Final selection of words to be included on the lower signage
- 3) Authorize staff to initiate the bidding process

Mayor Light asked if Stellen had a recommended sign solution.

Jordis from Stellen Design was not responding; Jane Chung summarized conversations she had had with Jordis; noted that the three options she presented for the sign design were the culmination of the seven original options; reported Jordis agreed that the heavier font would be better for visibility, noted Jordis said it is important to have visibility as well as proper spacing and that the words are highlighted but not too busy on the sign itself; summarized that the sign should be clean, clear, and visible from all sorts of angles.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if Option 2 met all those requirements and Jane Chung responded that Option 2 does meet those visual requirements.

City Manager Witzansky added that Jordis was firm on the character counts but not on the words themselves.

Mayor Light opined it would be more appropriate to put "watercraft rentals" as opposed to "boat rentals" since that would encompass SUPs and kayaks and boats are not that easy to rent in the Harbor.

Councilmember Waller stated his preference for the lower signage would be Option 6 but recognized it is one character outside of the recommended range.

Councilmember Castle supported Option 6; felt it encompasses more of what the Harbor offers, especially because it has "fishing" and that is something members of the Waterfront felt is important.

Councilmember Obagi spoke in support of Option 2, felt Harbor implies there will be boats.

Councilmember Behrendt voiced his support for Option 2, felt it has everything that is important.

Jordis, Stellen Design LLC, noted a disclaimer that she did not put the document together that they are all viewing and that the font in the subheading is different than what she proposed; stated if she had to choose she would pick Option 2 or Option 3 (noted that Option 3 is also not in the font that she had presented) and favored Option 2 for the lower signage.

Councilmember Castle asked why she favored Option 2 for the lower signage.

Jordis responded that they are easy to read if a person is driving by and are "sight words" that can be recognized quickly whereas the longer words would take more thought to process; commented on the traffic flowing heavily on PCH and felt that the easier the sign

is to read the better.

Mayor Light noted that they have gotten emails and comments on social media about keeping the artwork in the center intact and the original lettering and asked if Jordis had any comment on that.

Jordis felt it makes sense to replace the center artwork with the City's new logo; reported asking people their opinion on the lifesaving ring on the original sign and many did not even know it was a lifesaving ring; felt the new logo with the sailboat is not confusing; stated if there is a lot of pushback regarding the font it can stay the same.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve Option 2 for the King Harbor Gateway sign design and Option 2 for the lower signage wording as provided in the presentation.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, opined that whatever the City is spending on the sign is too much especially since the RBPD is requesting more money; felt unless there is a structural issue or a safety issue she sees no reason to change the Gateway sign; noted the lower sign provides more information and is in the line of view for drivers so that has some justification for replacement.

Mayor Light clarified that the King Harbor Gateway Sign has been in the CIP for two years; reported he has examined the sign and it is time for structural maintenance.

City Manager Witzansky added that the project started out as a refurbishment to the sign; noted it was funded as such, the poles needed to be stripped, treated, and repainted and that the plastic on the sign needed to be replaced plus the new logo was created; explained that the funding for these types of projects are one-time funds and not ongoing funding.

More discussion followed on the state of the sign.

David Rosenfeld, District 2, voiced his support for the refurbishment of the sign but his opposition to changing the look of the sign; noted that 2,000 people have signed a petition for the City to not change the look of the sign and spoke about the iconic nature of the sign.

Mayor Light stated that the sign has changed substantially since 1969 and put the photos of the changes back on the screen.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor boater, reported he has been driving under the Gateway sign for 65 years; stated he sent some recommendations to their emails, noted he supported the lower signage having "Pier", "Fishing", "Dining", "Watercraft Rentals" and felt just "Lagoon" was reasonable; strongly supported "Boat Launch" and felt "Hotels" could be

eliminated from the sign.

Jake Tudesco, Redondo Beach resident, spoke in opposition of the redesign to the King Harbor Gateway Sign; stated public opinion was not take or requested and wanted to point out items that might have been overlooked and a possible solution; noted that the sign has never had a City logo or seal of any type, the public artwork was commissioned specifically for the sign in 1969 and should be treated as public art, it is unique, has lasted for 56 years, it's an icon, and landmark; asked that the redesign concept be put on hold until further public input can be received and evaluated but understood maintenance of the sign is needed; suggested a restoration of the sign would be a better solution and register the sign as a historic landmark in California and it could be marked with a commemorative brass sign.

(Speaker did not provide his name) voiced his disappointment that the Council did not even consider public feedback regarding the sign; stated he got involved because there was no consensus; spoke of the history of the graphic of the sign and the purpose of the lifesaver; felt it should be landmarked and hoped the Council would agree and participate in the designation; stated he doesn't might the City branding but felt the sign should not be branded.

Josh McCloud, Redondo Beach resident, noted he works in the field of graphic design and spoke about the problems of modernizing a logo; felt the sign needs no redesign and mentioned it was laughable to listen to people talk about logo and design that have no experience in the field; provided his opinions on logo design and modernizing a brand; warned of the pitfalls of going with trends in design; voiced his opposition to changing something authentic and iconic; asked the Council to recognized the nostalgic feeling the sign brings for people who grew up in Redondo Beach.

Lara Duke (via Zoom), District 3, stated she is surprised and confused about the reactions the public has had in regards to the proposed changes to the Gateway sign; felt the changes were minimal and the sign must be refurbished anyways so why not modernize it a bit; supported the lower signage to have "Dining", agreed "Hotels" is not needed, supported the heavier font, favored shorter wording for the lower sign, preferred "Watercraft Rentals" over "Boating" but felt neither was absolutely needed since it is a harbor; wondered if it would be feasible to lower the sign to be more visible for people to see.

Shalane Conniff (via Zoom) spoke of her opposition to the redesign of the Gateway sign; used the Cracker Barrel redesign as an example of modernizing a logo and experiencing backlash only to go back to the original logo; supported the idea of landmarking the original structure and design.

Nicholas Verhey (via Zoom), Redondo Beach resident, spoke in support of maintenance for the sign but in opposition to the redesign; reported emailing the Councilmembers regarding the sign but not receiving any responses; felt the sign is iconic and should not be branded with the new logo, noted the changes that have been made over the years

were minimal; spoke of the numerous negative comments posted on social media and in the Easy Reader in opposition of the changes to the sign and opined that the City Council should represent what the people of the City want and not what they want; stated Redondo Beach should remain unique and not follow the generic logos of the neighboring cities.

Councilmember Obagi wanted to have Mayor Light send the photos he has on the damage and condition of the King Harbor Gateway Sign for the record; stated he appreciated all the public feedback given that evening but noted that lots of public outreach was done before decisions on the logo were made; provided details on the positive feedback he's received on the new City logo.

The noise from the audience became disruptive while Councilmember Obagi was speaking.

Mayor Light warned the audience members that they were out of order and would be removed if they did not behave; the audience member left on his own.

Councilmember Obagi continued; stated he sent the City logo design to approx. 9,000 people and reported zero people asked him to not change the design; noted he posted it on social media and had 114,000 views for the refreshing of the sign and summarized the responses from the comments; noted there was much more support for the refreshing of the sign; asked the City Manager if the lifesaver ring and boat could be preserved and put in the historic museum.

City Manager Witzansky responded yes to the question.

Councilmember Obagi asked Councilmember Behrendt to incorporate that into his motion. Councilmember Behrendt responded favorably to adding it to his motion and Councilmember Obagi seconded the addition to the motion.

Councilmember Waller acknowledged the Change.org responses but also acknowledged Councilmember Obagi's comment that the City spent over a year on the logo design; stated the City has never had a trademarked logo before and felt that it would be good to have the King Harbor Gateway Sign have the new logo and become that memorable, iconic sign people think of for the City; reported that people he had spoken to felt the sans serif font was easier to read while driving by the sign; opined changing the centerpiece to the new City logo made sense; supported "Hotels" and "Dining" as words to have in the lower signage because they are the biggest revenue generators; asked, if minor changes are made to the sign, can it still be designated as a historic landmark and would support that idea.

City Manager Witzansky responded that he is unfamiliar with the landmarking requirements and would get that response to him at a later date.

Councilmember Kaluderovic commented that the Council represents 70,000 residents

and having a pulse on everything can be difficult; noted they do have outreach, community meetings, newsletters and pointed out those that reach out to them are typically in contrary to something and those that are happy with the situation stay silent; stated she is open to having the font give homage to the old sign but felt the proposed changes are moderate and important; supported Option 2 for the lower sign.

Councilmember Castle reiterated what the other Councilmembers stated; noted that the sign needs maintenance; supported Option 2 and 2 as proposed.

Mayor Light called for the vote for the motion for Option 2 and Option 2 and to preserve the life ring and boat to be placed in the historic museum.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDED TRAFFIC STRIPING MODIFICATIONS TO DIAMOND STREET BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND PROSPECT AVENUE TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC FLOW NEAR REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

**CONTACT:** ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Winje provided introductory information on the item and turned the floor over to Traffic Engineer Liu for the presentation.

City Traffic Engineer Liu explained that the presentation covers the restriping on Diamond between PCH and Prospect and ways to improve access to RUHS; noted staff have heard concerns over speeding and safety at the drop off and pick up periods on City streets around RUHS over the years; stated in the 2024-2025 FY budget motion staff was given direction to study this issue and come up with changes and a potential slurry seal project to improve the circulation and traffic around RUHS; reported a consultant was hired to perform data collection, stakeholder engagement, observations, analysis, and design up to construction documents; stated staff is looking for Council's approval to move forward on the concept design and, if approved, the changes can be incorporated in a future slurry seal project for Diamond; provided a visual slide of the area and scope of the project.

Councilmember Behrendt asked about the area on Vincent Street and the potential flow through in that area.

Traffic Engineer Liu responded that they would get to that but noted only half of that area is City property; stated all the analysis was culminated into a Redondo Union High Access Study and Design Report that was prepared by the project consultant and reviewed by City and RBUSD staff; reported it has been available on the City's website since mid-October, a link was included in the agenda packet when staff did the public noticing, and a link was sent via QR code directly to the residents around the high school; stated the report talks about why the study was done, the data that was collected, community engagement, summary of the key safety issues observed, the stakeholder feedback, the

traffic data and provided recommendations and specific changes that they are proposing, next steps, and a full compendium of appendices; listed out and explained the existing conditions that were found based on the data that was collected; noted the types of congestion that was witnessed; reported speed limits were generally followed but crashes involving injuries normally involved cyclists; spoke about the extensive community engagement they have had over the past year and a half through stakeholder meetings; noted the stakeholders consisted of City staff from different departments, the School District, the PTA, and two students from the Youth Commission (one driver and one nondriver that walks or bikes to school); provided a summary of the feedback they received during the community engagement phase which included typical concerns about cyclists and driver behavior at stop signs, crosswalk safety, need for more bike parking and parent parking; provided a slide with a summary of recommendations on a street map west of Del Amo; noted there is high parking utilization west of Del Amo; stated they are proposing the removal of only one parking spot west of Del Amo and in place of it limited sections of protected bike lane and where they can't fit the protected bike lane they are proposing buffered bike lanes; spoke of encouraging slower speeds if they can narrow down the lanes; stated they can afford parking loss east of Del Amo and are proposing a mix of buffered and protected bike lanes, and modular curb extensions at the Del Amo and Juanita intersection; provided some explanation on the benefits of the curb extensions; reported they are also proposing additional parking near the Starbucks; spoke of originally proposing an expansion of the pickup and drop off zone in Vincent Park but received opposition to that idea from neighbors and may add bike racks in that area; stated, to answer Councilmember Behrendt's question, the School District is proposing a new pickup and drop off zone on Francisca just south of Diamond; spoke of harmonizing with the school since part of the area is school property and part is City property and they are hoping to collaborate with the school so it flows together.

Councilmember Behrendt pointed to the area of Vincent and PCH on the street map and asked if it would help to open the area for traffic flow.

Traffic Engineer Liu said they have discussed creating a large one-way flow in one street and out the other street, they have talked to the School District about it, and the School District have taken it under consideration.

Councilmember Castle added that currently there are no pickup zones on the west side of RUHS so creating the one-way traffic from Diamond onto Francisca back to Vincent would create a drop off zone and alleviate the problems of people blocking driveways and parking in the neighborhood streets; noted they have resident support in that neighborhood for it.

Councilmember Behrendt asked Traffic Engineer Liu if needed could he put together a schematic or small presentation on the benefits of that traffic flow.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated he already has created but that is not part of the project they are discussing that evening; clarified that evening was about the City's right-of-way and the other area is not owned by the City.

Discussion followed. Councilmember Behrendt asked if Traffic Engineer Liu's other presentation to the School District could be shared with the Council. City Manager Witzansky stated they could and it has been shared with the subcommittee already.

Traffic Engineer Liu continued his presentation; provided a more focused street map that addressed the left turn issue; noted that the City has enough space on Diamond St. to provide both the left turn lane for bikes and cars; explained in more detail how cyclists will be able to have a specific bike left turn lane and direct access into the bike cage.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Castle referenced the bike lane buffers and asked if the buffers create extra width for multiple bikes to go through at one time.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated it provides a bit more space and separation from drivers.

More discussion followed on the unavoidable part of the path where cyclists need to get out of the bike path and into the vehicle lane in order to make the left hand turn or they could stay in the bike lane and go to the area that is similar to a crosswalk.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated a couple of spaces will be relocated to another side of the street, and they are proposing to move the bus stop to the other side of Helberta; provided another street view map of proposed changes and some curb extensions at the Juanita/Del Amo/Diamond intersection; provided more explanation on the proposal for the intersection using the diagram he presented.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Castle reported that the bike rack situation came up in his Community Meeting; asked if it was possible to have more bike corrals on campus inside the gates so students would not be parking on the streets; stated that the bikes parked near the Starbucks or on the street are very exposed and if they were on campus it would be safer.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated they have spoken to the School District about adding more bike parking within their gates; continued on with his presentation; provided a summary of the prior public meetings that were done for the project; stated presenting their staff report at the District 2 Community Meeting and the PWSC meeting in October; reported the feedback from those meetings was positive for safety improvements and the upgraded bike lanes, they modified staff recommendations for Vincent Park based on resident feedback, and they are proposing more bike parking near the school entrances; recommended Council move forward with the design documents for the proposed changes, except for expanded school loading at the zone on Vincent Park.

Mayor Light asked if the package included input from the PWSC.

Public Works Director Winje responded they did receive feedback from the PWSC and stated it was mainly to eliminate the Vincent Park loading zone proposed; noted staff's recommendations carried forward everything from the PWSC report except the Vincent Park loading zone improvements.

Councilmember Waller thanked Traffic Engineer Liu for the report; felt anything they could do to increase the safety such as protected bike lanes and the change to the left turn lane is great; commented on the number of bikes being greater than the number of cars on some of the streets.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Traffic Engineer Liu for all he has done with bike lanes across the City and credited him for Redondo Beach leading the way on micromobility; deferred to Councilmember Castle on any decisions for the area since it is his district and Councilmember Behrendt since he frequents that area often; wondered if a subcommittee should be formed consisting of Councilmembers Castle and Behrendt if more feedback is needed pertaining to the circulation around the school since they have specific insights on it.

Discussion followed on there being a school subcommittee already and treading lightly in respect to the School District since it is their property.

Public Works Director Winje stated they are leaving the School District full discernment on what they choose to do but are trying to influence them; noted staff's recommendation that evening would be for the Council to approve the conceptual design presented and authorize them to move forward with final design construction documents, which they would bring back to the Council.

City Manager Witzansky clarified that it would be a Consent Calendar item authorizing staff to proceed with bidding; noted staff doesn't usually provide an updated conceptual design presentation; stated they have strongly encouraged the School District to consider the through lane and they introduced the concept early and are excited that the District is planning to spend resources on improvements in that area; opined that he doesn't think the School District will create through traffic lanes but prefer a turnaround solution instead; stated staff will keep Council posted on any changes but the School District is ultimately the decision maker as it pertains to the on-site improvements.

Mayor Light asked, with respect to the turn lanes or turning movements coming off City property onto the public street, does the City have the ability to mandate that a left turn can't be made there.

Staff responded that they can mandate no left turn at that location.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the School District gave any reason why they didn't want to allow Traffic Engineer Liu's recommendation for traffic flow.

Traffic Engineer Liu explained that the School District's primary thought is to preserve the

safety of the walkway and keep a true sidewalk with no crossings and they do not want car access through that area; stated that the drawings he provided to them was a compromise on that to show a very narrow, bollard controlled, raised crosswalk opening to address safety concerns with limited through traffic but they have not received any feedback from the School District yet.

More discussion followed regarding discussions they have had with the School District, contradictions on resident feedback, requests for permitted parking around the high school and traffic congestion.

Councilmember Castle stated that permitted parking just pushes traffic and parking into the neighborhoods and he will start getting phones call from residents and felt if more parking could be provided on campus and more drop off zones could be created it would get people out of the area around the high school faster; suggested having one-way through traffic from Vincent to Diamond which would put the students on the right side of the curb going into the campus.

Public Works Director Winje stated he and Ryan Liu had spoken about that option and provided details of their discussion and the difficulties they uncovered with that option.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the School District has their own traffic engineer; Traffic Engineer Liu reported that he has been volunteering his time and that they do not have a traffic engineer.

More discussion followed and Director Winje noted that they have not met the School District's team and they are not sure if they have consultants or a dedicated person handling the project.

Councilmember Waller stated he suspected that the School is remembering his time and does not have the new data from Councilmember Castle (City Manager Witzansky agreed with that); felt it would make sense for the City to let the School District know that the new District 2 Councilmember is open to an option that he was not in favor of before.

City Manager Witzansky stated they will carry that input over to the School District and see if it makes a difference.

Councilmember Behrendt asked Public Works Director Winje and Traffic Engineer Liu if there were any drawbacks that Council should consider before they approve moving forward.

Traffic Engineer Liu mentioned street sweeping is a possible concern and they will need to come up with a way to service the smaller areas.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if any grant money had been identified for the project

or is it budgeted in a different way.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated it has been funded through design, but they do not have a full cost estimate yet.

Public Works Director Winje rephrased that the entire design has been funded with funds almost \$100,000 beyond that for implementation; stated there is potential grant money available for mobility type grants but they are not sure they could get it fast enough but would keep their eyes open for opportunities.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated there may need to be an allocation made to get the project done at some point.

City Manager Witzansky stated the City is probably okay with allocations currently; explained how they typically execute this type of work.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked what the expected timeline is for the project.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated if they receive the go ahead that evening, they may be able to get it done the summer after this summer.

Public Works Director Winje felt they could possibly complete it by this upcoming summer.

Motion by Councilmember Castle to move the project forward with design documents for the proposed changes except for the expanded school loading zone on Vincent Park.

Councilmember Behrendt offered a friendly amendment to have staff provide the drawings and schematics that Traffic Engineer Liu prepared for the proposed safe and traffic flow pass through on Francisca and Redondo exiting Vincent and reengage with the School District and inform them that they are in favor of it.

Councilmember Castle accepted the friendly amendment. Councilmember Waller seconded the motion.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Laura MacMorran, Redondo Beach resident, asked for the Sea Hawk Way aerial slide to be put on the screen; asked if when Public Works projects come before Council could staff also include options for green spaces where trees can be planted; asked Council if they could ask for the final draft to include options for tree locations in green space in their motions.

Maureen Discipulo, District 3, commented that she liked the design and was in the audience for the presentation to Public Works; spoke in support of the item.

Analyst Villa reported no hands raised on Zoom and no eComments.

Mayor Light asked if it was appropriate to include landscaping in a project such as this one.

Traffic Engineer Liu stated it is far beyond the scope of this project and they would need to consider emergency access that would be potentially inhibited by digging a median and putting tree wells in; opined it is more of a long-term type of request.

Public Works Director Winje stated staff could identify potential future locations for further investigation if funding and Council were there; noted they could mark areas where possible trees could be placed but to Ryan Liu's point it is not appropriate to include it in implementation in this part of the project.

City Manager Witzansky added more explanation that the intent of the funding for this project is slurry seal treatment and using existing curb and gutter with a slurry seal application; noted if they were doing a more intense civil work then they would have an opportunity to add landscaping which would be done through normal design.

Councilmember Waller made a friendly amendment to ask the City to put X's on the map for where trees could be added.

Councilmember Castle did not want to change his motion; felt where the project is at now, given how busy that area is, and how much is already going on with that street it would not be a good idea to add that; stated he would want to go out and walk it again before adding to the project; agreed with the City Manager that if it were a new street design there would be more opportunity to include medians with trees.

Councilmember Obagi agreed with Councilmember Castle but appreciated what Ms. MacMorran spoke about and felt the City does need to look for every opportunity to plant more trees and increase the tree canopy.

Mayor Light pointed out that that is the next topic and called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to take a 10-minute recess at 8:48 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

#### ROLL CALL – Back from recess at 9:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager Joy Ford, City Attorney Melissa Villa, Analyst/Liaison

# N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRACTICES AND POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S TREE CANOPY

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Winje introduced Mike Klein and Mark Garlock (Urban Forestry Manager and City Arborist); stated the item is in response to a Strategic Plan item that has been on the Council's planning document since the last reorganization in the spring; spoke of tree canopy becoming an important topic in the public works field; reported that LA County just created their first Urban Forestry Management Plan, and the state has pending legislation or current legislation that is pushing cities, agencies, and departments in the state to follow suit; noted the City passed a Tree Protection Ordinance in 2023 and described what the ordinance states but noted private property was left out of the ordinance; explained the benefits of tree canopy including economic, environmental, health, and social benefits; stated part of the discussion will be on understanding the City's values and priorities when it comes to maintaining tree canopy; reported that the City keeps records through WCA who provides GIS level information for all the trees in the City; provided information on the Redondo Beach Urban Forest, noted there are over 11,300 City owned trees, with great diversity and showed a chart with the age profiles of the City's trees; noted the City is not balanced in terms of their forest health but can be helped with the planting of new trees; Councilmember Behrendt questioned if he said new trees and Director Winje explained some trees do not make it to adulthood so planting more new trees gives the City a better chance that they get a good canopy in the future.

More discussion followed regarding losing canopy when old trees are lost, the ability of planting new trees versus planting older trees, and how they determine if a tree is new or old.

Public Works Director Winje continued with his presentation; provided a slide showing highlights of the activity over the last six years; reported the department planted 942 trees, removed 197 trees, and after FY 2021 the removal count dropped considerably.

Some discussion followed. Staff clarified that the numbers only reflect trees that City staff or City contractors have planted and could be higher if projects where trees were planted were completed by parties outside of City staff.

Public Works Director Winje reported the City has about a 750 net tree count increase in the last six years for the City's tree inventory; spoke of other advances towards the tree canopy the City has made included the Tree Protection Ordinance, approved species list, Standard of Care Policy Manual, and planting programs; noted that Redondo Beach is

recognized as a Tree City USA city, part of the Arbor Day Network.

Mayor Light asked if a development such as Legado get counted in the tree count for the City.

Public Works Director Winje responded that if it is in the right-of-way it is added to the City's inventory.

More discussion ensued on enforcement of what was included in the plan for the Legado project, what was shown in the elevations of the project, and what was actually submitted in their plans.

Discussion followed regarding the preferred tree list, trees that should not be included on the list, and a list of trees that need to be kept out of the right-of-way.

Public Works Director Winje went over data circulated from the USDA and USFS about tree canopy coverage; reported presenting the websites to the PWSC in September and stated Redondo Beach sits in the mid-range to the light range of the spread but is not certain if the data is accurate for their purposes.

Councilmember Castle asked if the data on the GIS system can be accessed through the City website or if it is just internal.

Public Works Director Winje stated he wasn't sure if it was public facing or not, but that staff can see it and use it every day.

More discussion followed regarding the chart provided by the USDA and USFS website.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned that there could be presumably hundreds of trees that aren't represented in the old data.

Public Works Director Winje felt that the quality control of the data has not been good enough for them to make decisions based on it and felt they need to approach the information with caution; stated if the City really wanted to know the true number, they should pay for the work to get that done.

More discussion followed that staff do their own internal tracking and data in terms of quantity of trees, species, and health of the City's trees.

Public Works Director Winje continued his presentation; stated the City is full of private parcels that are full of trees; reported the percentage of City controlled acreage is only about 27% and if the City really wants to move the needle on canopy coverage they will need to include some consideration of private property, noted that is a bigger lift and there is controversy around what the City would need to do to make that happen; mentioned Community Development Director Marc Wiener has experience around that and could answer questions; spoke of strategies to touch the other 73% of acreage in the City

including incentives through the development requirements; provided a list of strategies, potential tools, staff felt they could manage given the City's current funding and availability levels; stated if there is other data the City's tree maintenance vendor could provide to them to help measure they could add that to the list; spoke about increasing public engagement and education through the City's website and other printed materials, provide best practices and design guidelines on the website, and improve the user friendliness of the information on the website; stated the City has about 2,500 locations identified for possible tree planting but some may not be suitable, the resident needs to be willing to allow it, irrigate it, and have no conflict with utilities; noted the importance of community partners and volunteers who can help promote awareness and enhance efforts; mentioned creating a donation program which the City already has an established account set up for; spoke of establishing a development incentive for tree planting and preservation for private property, noted it would be a heavier lift for his department and Community Development but it can be done; recognized the challenges the City may have in regulating trees on private property.

Mayor Light asked why staff did not include changes to the trees that Council advocated to avoid and mentioned part of the reason some of the trees are dying off is due to the extended droughts and the increase in urban heating due to the climate change.

Public Works Director Winje stated he put that into the City's design guidelines and agreed with the Mayor that the tree list is an important piece; recommended that Council receive and file the information per the Strategic Plan request regarding the City's tree canopy practices and policies and provide any direction to staff on additional tools Council would like staff to implement or explore to enhance the City's tree inventory; noted that Mark Garlock, Marc Wiener, and Mike Klein were there for any questions.

Mayor Light asked if Director Winje saw the input they received from the advocates for trees.

Public Works Director Winje stated they included it in the staff report; reported that Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees provided 10 items of which some are in line with what staff has already mentioned and some are outside the scope of what they can do at this time; spoke of items on Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees' list that they are able to handle would be planting trees on City property (noted budget limitations are an issue), promote a tree-centric internal review process, projects on public projects, and accountability on developments that do not follow approved plans; spoke of the challenges they have in monitoring developments.

More discussion followed using Legado as an example.

Public Works Director Winje continued discussing items on the list from the Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees; commented on what the City can do or work on; spoke about the Urban Forestry Master Plan, noted it is in the staff report and they spoke about it at the PWSC meeting, stated it is a heavy cost and will be in the tens of thousands to do and went over estimates they have received; stated the public is often not aware of conflicts

the City has with the public right-of-way, other uses, utility needs, intrusion on private property, etc.; stated staff is open to working with groups who are knowledgeable and able to help them see things that need to be corrected; mentioned the controversy regarding the designation for unique trees or the establishment of a heritage tree concept.

Mayor Light spoke of the Church of Science on Broadway and Sapphire putting trees in the parkway and then surrounding it with artificial turf which is not recommended and is basically dooming the future of the tree; asked staff if there are things they can do to prohibit that behavior.

Public Works Director Winje stated the City's Internal Parkway Guidelines prohibit use of artificial turf in parkways.

Mayor Light asked how it was allowed and stated whoever inspected it did not catch it.

Public Works Director Winje stated that the rule has changed and explained that when he wrote the previous policy artificial turf was actually encouraged for drought purposes; reported that after he wrote that policy they received new information that artificial turf actually causes damage to the heat island effect and other things.

More discussion followed regarding the use of artificial turf, the City's inability to control actions of certain areas, and enforcement of the use of artificial turf.

Councilmember Obagi spoke of Councilmember Kaluderovic and himself meeting with a person was developing a housing project and that he noticed in the plans palm trees were sketched on the outside of the project; stated he mentioned palm trees did nothing to cast shade or cool things down and suggested choosing a tree with a greater canopy; explained how easy it was to locate the tree list on the City's website but also how difficult the information is to understand; suggested making the page more eye catching, providing pictures of what each tree looks like, a key to explain abbreviations given for terms, and maybe a list of trees the City prefers to have planted; noted that regulating private tree removal was tried by Council, it was a lot of work, it was not popular with the community, and it did not pass.

Public Works Director Winje stated he is not familiar with the list Councilmember Obagi showed on the screen and pulled up the list he is familiar with on the City's website, the page provided a lot more visuals and details that were missing from the page Councilmember Obagi showed.

Councilmember Obagi stated it was exactly what he was thinking it should look like.

Mike Klein reported this version of the list has been on the website for a few years.

More discussion followed on staff constantly updating the site and adding more information and graphics as they are able to.

Mayor Light reported the website states, effective March 2023, installing artificial turf in the tree protection zone of public trees is unlawful.

City Manager Witzansky stated they can enforce that within the protection area and are denying applications and permits requested for it.

Councilmember Waller reported when he was in Leadership Redondo they raised \$10,000 to plant trees and planted trees on the school properties; spoke of the costs for trees being reasonable; mentioned feedback he received was for more California native trees to be on the approved tree list; support incentivizing developers to plant trees or to fund the City's tree fund; suggested establishing an actual tree fund where people could go on the website and donate; supported what staff and sections where Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees match up with what the City can manage.

Councilmember Castle asked if there was a way to donate money to the tree fund or donate trees on the City's website or does a specific person in the City need to be contacted.

City Manager Witzansky noted that it is actually handled by the Community Services Department and they have a program called the Commemorative Donation Program; stated once they receive a requested interest, an evaluation of the location is done; spoke of issues with too many families requesting the same locations and also not over populating the locations with too many plaques; noted the need to preserve open space and park environments; stated there may be other ways they can explore recognizing people who donate other than with physical hardware.

More discussion followed on the best way for people to donate and that using known inventory would be the goal for the City.

City Manager Witzansky stated he did not want to undersell the importance of the funding allocations that the City has received; noted the staff report referenced the Tree Replenishment Account which was largely funded through restitution from development fees paid in lieu of tree removals due to new construction; stated the City would collect those fees, put it in the fund, and draw against that fund to add new trees elsewhere in the parkway; reported the City has been aggressively planting new trees and that fund has been depleted and now they are aggressive in denying requests to remove trees for driveway cuts and other installations which means they are protecting and preserving more mature parkway trees; felt it would be helpful to have a donation account to replace the Tree Replenishment Account.

Discussion followed on what was needed for staff to move forward.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Laura MacMorran felt removing private property from the conversation without further exploration would be shortchanging the City; referenced the list provided earlier by the Citizens of Redondo's Trees which noted the City should look at other cities and stated

Redondo Beach's municipal code is lacking compared to other cities, noting none of the City's provisions touch on multi-family without parkways in Districts 3, 4, and 5 which means the streets can be treeless; stated the City needs to collaborate with her group, they need transparent policies, concurrent improvements, ideas from residents and other jurisdictions; noted that the tree loss was not only on public property but on private property which they have no data for.

Holly Osborne, District 5, referenced bill AB2251 that was passed in 2022 and stated it requires urban areas to plan to increase their tree canopy by 10% by the year 2035; spoke of the importance of tree canopy in their area of climate change; opined that the canopy bill is in conflict with some of the recent state laws narrowing setbacks and noted setbacks are where trees can be planted; suggested that all candidates in next year's election for Senator Allen's office and Assemblymember Muratsuchi's office be asked what they plan to do to resolve the conflict; stated the City should be allowed to restore their setbacks to what they were before and should be allowed to set lot coverage limits; felt they should ask the candidates if they are going to work towards those goals.

Jim Mueller, District 5, spoke of wanting lots of trees in Redondo Beach; noted that only 27% of the total area of Redondo Beach is public land and to ensure that the City gets the canopy percentage up they must encourage private property owners and developers to plant and care for trees; noted the decline in total canopy can be due to developers clear cutting trees before they start to build; suggested the proposed code should widen the definition of a heritage tree to include species that are smaller at full maturity, specify new construction projects preserve existing trees and leave room for the planting of new trees; felt the Council need to help the residents understand that the neighborhood and community has an interest in how private property is managed and should be required to preserve and maintain trees on their property; urged Council to amend the proposed code to not only protecting a wider variety of trees on private property but also incentivize planting more for the sake of future generations.

Pamela Sund, 36-year District 3 resident, thanked staff for the report and spoke of the importance of policies, practices, and procedures for the City in regards to the tree canopy; stated that trees provide shade, reduce carbon in the air, capture pollution in their roots, and improve esthetics; spoke of improved esthetics attracting more people which would increase the City's tax revenue, improves the quality of life in neighborhoods and adds value to properties; spoke of the Tree Protection and Preservation Ordinance not addressing private property but 73% of Redondo Beach property is on private property; stated she understands there are no easy answers but felt they need to think creatively and the City needs to ensure that residents are not indiscriminately cutting down trees; opined that the municipal code regarding trees should be rewritten and adopted to include policies on private property and that the financial and administrative concerns should not get in the way of that.

Wendy Pratt, District 2, stated when the City implemented its Tree Protection Ordinance she was proud to reside in a Tree City USA committed to the enhancement of City trees as a valuable resource for the community; spoke of following local politics and observing

how important trees and open green spaces were to everyone in Redondo Beach; reported three young magnolia trees were planted on her block at 500 North Lucia on individual parkways but that they all died in just a few months and felt this is why the City needs to adopt a more tree-centric review and process to clarify, expand, and manage the tree canopy in the City; applauded the Public Works and Community Development Departments for all their work but hoped the discussion that evening would open the door for community driven groups to share information and help City officials come up with viable solutions to preserve and restore the City's tree canopy; spoke of learning from other cities and adding transparent and objective tree planting standards to the City's municipal code and ordinance; stated Citizens for Redondo's Trees are available to assist and support the City's departments.

Mara Lang, Citizens for Redondo's Trees and SBPC, stated the report prepared by Public Works was very thorough and was encouraged to know that everything in the report is now part of their working knowledge and was also encouraged that the City has a new Forestry Manager that has comprehensive experience; looked forward to hearing Council discuss the report and prioritize and fund a long term urban forest management plan, a priority plan, and short-term quick action plan referred to in the staff report; reported she was present for the discussion about private property protections and it was upsetting; felt further discussion was needed on varying degrees of protection on private property and spoke of gradual protection of trees on private property; suggested the Council explore having a Canopy Committee.

David Grethen, Hermosa Beach, stated he is on the Hermosa Beach Public Works Commission; wanted to focus on opportunities to plant within the public right-of-way and spoke of there being a gray area between City property and adjacent property owners; suggested developing a collaboration with the adjacent property owner or incentivizing them to want to accept a tree; opined that Redondo Beach has a good awareness of what to do and a strong tree ordinance.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, thanked the City for having provided three trees on a parkway in front of her house at the City's expense; stated that she made a commitment to make sure those trees were watered and noted residents that have trees on the parkway need to be aware of what they need to do to maintain the tree; reported a parkway between PCH and Gertruda on Carnelian needs some trees and she would commit to taking care of them; suggested more needed to be planted on the walkway between City Hall and the Library.

Analyst Villa reported two hands raised on Zoom.

Laura Duke, District 3, voiced her excitement that Redondo Beach is taking an interest in the lack of trees and robust tree canopies in the City; hoped they would be able to work out a solid plan that includes educating people; spoke of the benefits of trees and noted something Laura MacMorran said at a meeting with the Friends of Redondo Beach Arts group in October; stated Ms. MacMorran spoke about people dismissing trees because they require time, effort, money and maintenance and she pointed out anything nice and

worth having around require those things and they should be making the proper investment to reap the benefits they get from thriving trees and learn how to properly care for the them so they succeed; suggested the City learn how other cities with healthy tree canopies do it; spoke about education programs, tree recommendations, incentivizing for planting or fining for not planting; stated a shade tree requirement for all mall operators would be a game changer; supported more tree medians, commented that Diamond is a massively wide lane and could easily have a median swath of trees.

Marcie Guillermo agreed with the previous comments; requested that the City adopt a clear policy to prevent utility boxes from being placed on parkways because it prevents trees from being planted due to the cables running beneath the boxes; stated parkways are essential to the City's green infrastructure and due to past approvals utility boxes have allowed oversize utility boxes to be placed without considering long term impacts; asked the City to take four actions: 1) adopt a policy or ordinance that prohibits new utility boxes in parkways, 2) direct utility companies to use alternative locations such as alleys, commercial or industrial setbacks, underground boxes where feasible, or easements on private property instead of community green spaces, 3) develop a plan to address existing problem locations, and 4) commit to public notification before approving any new utility equipment in front of resident's homes or in their neighborhood parkway; stated other cities have established these rules.

Analyst Villa reported no one else online and three eComments: one in support, one neutral, and one opposed.

Mayor Light asked Community Development Director Marc Wiener to come up to the podium and asked him if he knew of anything they can do to get developers to put in trees.

Community Development Director Wiener stated the City's zoning code requires a landscape plan based on the extent of the development, and there are no requirements for trees on site on private property; noted there are requirements to potentially place tree in the right-of-way based on certain triggers.

Discussion followed regarding housing guidelines that were previously considered but Council did not approve but it predated Mayor Light and Marc Wiener's time with the City.

City Manager Witzansky added where there has been room in the required landscape plan is in the front setback and that is where Community Development has been requiring the planting of a private tree for approval; noted that these conversations have been taking place sine they adopted the last ordinance in 2023.

Mayor Light spoke of his position as pro-environment and would like to see them move forward but sensed that Council wanted to delve into private property.

Councilmember Obagi spoke of guidelines that should be included for planting trees and referenced speakers' comments about trees dying after being planted by the City and

wondered how they are able to check on the trees planted.

Public Works Director Winje stated the City's practice is to reach out to the resident and inform them they are planting a tree with a door hanger, invite the conversation, go back once, try to make contact and find out if they want a tree.

Councilmember Obagi asked if they do any checks after so they know what is working and what is not; stated a control system should be put in place.

Mark Garlock stated the City has a program where they monitor newly planted trees and they check them every 2 to 3 months.

More discussion followed regarding sprinkler systems, irrigation systems, what is required by the landscape plans.

City Manager Witzansky stated that when they identified the roughly 2,500 locations in the parkway or parks they classify them in a variety of ways, which he calls green light, yellow light, and red light; explained that they have some adjacent homeowners who welcome a tree and want to help it succeed and then they have the other adjacent homeowners who ask never to have a tree planted in their parkway; stated with 2,500 identified tree wells, they will start with the homeowners that are willing, and when they get to a point of exhausting the willing ones they will take more aggressive actions for the others; noted they seek places where the homeowners have installed irrigation underneath the sidewalk or people that are willing to hand water.

Councilmember Obagi asked how many trees do they approximately plant a year.

City Manager Witzansky responded 125.

More discussion followed on the cost of trees and maintenance annually; City Manager Witzansky reminded Council that the City had a stand along supplemental budget appropriations for tree planting over the last several years but they have exhausted those resources.

Councilmember Obagi suggested they establish a tree trust fund, establish a recurring contribution to the fund from the City, invite donations and run a campaign to give away trees but each person that signs up has to sign a contract that says they will care for the tree planted in their parkway.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky felt his idea would educate, raise awareness, and grow the fund and possibly get sponsors or additional donations to supplement the effort.

Public Works Director Winje stated some ideas they have thought of, if they could get the tree stock, they could do a tree giveaway for private or public side, offer no fee permits to

have individual homeowners hire somebody who's licensed, has an indemnity agreement with the City for working the right-of-way to plant a tree; said the City is trying to come up with ways to make it easy with low barriers to entry but are still working out the details.

More discussion followed regarding nurseries that may sell trees, the fact that SCE will not allow tree planting on the right-of-way, and that utilities are a factor when identifying parkway locations; noted that the smaller trees cost much less and do well if they can be patient enough.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file staff's presentation, direct staff to explore the tree trust fund and come back with a BRR to initial seeding, and also include as part of the trust fund a donation mechanism for the City's website, tighten up the website to make it easier for people to access the tree documents, include more information to educate residents on trees, and find a better way to enforce tree planting at every level.

Councilmember Waller referenced the comment made earlier of trees that were planted but dead within a year and asked if there are warranties for trees or can they have the resident pay for the replacement cost.

City Manager Witzansky stated only if there was active vandalism to destroy or harm the tree; noted they are also not contractually obligating residents to maintain the health of the tree.

Councilmember Waller spoke about the problem not being where to put the trees but getting the trees and funding them; felt the donation to a tree trust fund from the City should be more than \$5,000.

City Manager Witzansky stated they are seeing a bit of an influx of Quimby funds in some locations and tree planting is Quimby eligible.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

## O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Witzansky reminded everyone there is a meeting next Tuesday and items scheduled for discussion included the Gateway Public Art Project and Council's first review of the ARTesia planning efforts; proposed to adjourn to a 4:00 p.m. Closed Session for the following week due to the Menorah Lighting scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and then they are dark until January 6, 2026; noted they plan to get the agenda out to Council by December 22, 2025 which will include General Plan phase 2 items and a discussion around the proposed Athens contract amendment.

### P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None

#### P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Waller requested a BRR to find out the cost to develop the Urban Forestry Master Plan.

Councilmember Obagi requested a BRR for the cost for a live streaming system for the RBPAC which should include the recovery cost through the proposed pricing schedule, the frequency of use, and how much people are requesting it.

### R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - None

R.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 Police Officers' Association and Redondo Beach Police Management Unit

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

Name of case: Neel Karia v. City of Redondo Beach et al.

Case Number: 25LB0V02925

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

Name of case:

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

Case Number: 20STCP03193

R.4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54956.8.

#### AGENCY NEGOTIATORS:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager

## PROPERTY:

3007 Vail Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(a portion of APN: 415-001-7931)

Parking Lot at the Corner of Felton Ln. and 182nd St., Redondo Beach, CA

90278

(APN: 415-803-3900)

715 Julia Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(portion of parcels APN: 750-702-0900 and APN: 750-702-1900)

1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(APN: 404-900-8903)

807 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278

(a Portion of APN: 408-302-4900)

200 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(a portion of APN: 750-500-9902)

## **NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

Dr. Nicole Wesley, Superintendent Redondo Beach Unified School District

### **UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms** 

R.5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

### **AGENCY NEGOTIATORS:**

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

### PROPERTY:

239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(portions of APN: 7503-029-903)

## **NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

Allen Sanford, CA Surf Club

#### UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

R.6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

#### AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

**Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director** 

#### PROPERTY:

Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot and Seaside Lagoon

(portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:** 

Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:** 

**Price and Terms** 

R.7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:** 

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY: 100 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 130

International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(a portion of APN: 7505-002-932)

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:** 

Jeff Jones, Quality Seafood, Inc.

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:** 

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

R.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER/EVALUATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54957(b).

Title:

City Manager

- S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION None
- T. ADJOURNMENT
- T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICK HANKUS, OWNER OF OCEAN DINER AND JAVA MAN TWO BELOVED SOUTH BAY MAINSTAYS

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Rick Hankus at 10:42 p.m.

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 4:00 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be

held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 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:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk