



Minutes
Redondo Beach – Harbor Commission
Monday, May 12, 2025
Regular Meeting – 6:30 P.M.

6:30 PM - REGULAR MEETING OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Harbor Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Callahan in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Katherine Buck, W.E.D. Manager
Dave Charobee, Senior Management Analyst
Mio Iwasaki, Administrative Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Collier led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Collier, seconded by Commissioner Bauer and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda

Motion carried 7-0.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

W.E.D. Manager Buck reported there are no Blue Folder Items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Collier, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan, and approved by voice vote, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

The motion carried 7-0.

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 12, 2025

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 14, 2025

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Benjamin Morse mentioned he was on the Public Safety Commission for 10 years; has lived in the City for 30 years; reported he is a fourth-generation sailor and had liveaboard status but no longer does; stated he spoke with Code Enforcement regarding unlicensed vendors servicing boats and they said their hands are tied; found that most, if not all, service providers in the Marina are unlicensed and using illegal products for the area and are toxic for the Marina; stated Code Enforcement told him they need to be there when the illegal activity is in progress; suggested informing the marinas of the individuals and companies that are not legal to work in the marinas.

Chair Callahan stated in the old days, the Harbor Master took care of it by patrolling and questioning the types of chemicals being used to service boats; mentioned they can bring it up to the Harbor Master and see if he can provide patrol; clarified it will not be for licensing of mechanics but for products being used; stated they can also talk to Code Enforcement.

Benjamin Morse stated he can put forth a document for the Commission to review; mentioned he owns a business that handles yacht management and yacht cleaning and is licensed by the City.

Commissioner Bauer asked if just anyone could put up a card for advertising and doesn't need permission.

Benjamin Morse said yes, people do, and if they have friends that work at the docks, it is even easier.

More discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Abelman, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to extend Benjamin Morse for one more minute.

Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Benjamin Morse stated it is tough on his business to compete with unlicensed individuals and companies; reported he is also cleaning up after them because they do not do things properly; noted he lives in Redondo Beach, he has a boat and kids here, and he runs his

business legally; felt it is safer for the City to know the people operating at the marinas.

Chair Callahan suggested that Benjamin Morse send a letter to Greg Kapovich, W.E.D. Director, so it could be agendaized for the next meeting to discuss.

Mark Hansen (via Zoom), King Harbor boater, wanted to update the Commission on events that have taken place such as the Opening Day ceremonies for King Harbor Yacht Club and Port Royal Yacht Club; referenced a press release he wrote for the April 17th Easy Reader; mentioned many special guests in attendance at these events; stated on April 14th, the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Club hosted at King Harbor Yacht Club and on April 26th a giant Youth Regional Regatta took place, which had 79 boats from 12 yacht clubs; mentioned a “thank you” luncheon took place on April 28th for Fire and First Responders, and on April 30th, BeachLife’s Fundraising Gala took place, which featured Rick Springfield.

Administrative Analyst Iwasaki reported no one else on Zoom and no eComments.

H.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public - None

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION - None

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

M.1. LIAISON’S REPORT

W.E.D. Manager Buck reported she had several updates for the Commission; stated the Beach Life Festival was the most successful up to date; reported approximately 10,300 people attended on Friday, 12,100 people on Saturday and 11,200 people attended on Sunday and no major police activity was reported; stated there were a few medical issues related to dehydration; reported that the blade signs were completed on Friday at the International Boardwalk, encouraged everyone to go see them; reported the Strategic Planning Session took place on April 29th and Commissioner Carlson was in attendance; noted that Council reviewed the letter they wrote and picked up 6 of the 13 items listed; stated that the first goal is Economic Vitality and will involve the Harbor Commission as well as her department; listed the items involving the Harbor that came from the Strategic Planning Session and gave more details and information from that meeting; provided several updates on ongoing projects in the City including: the Boat Launch which Moffatt & Nichol are working on updating the studies and should have final studies done by the end of the month; staff will meet with the subcommittee at the end of June to go through those studies and understand the parameters to the design; staff will have a meeting with SWA who will handle the public outreach and then have the public outreach meeting around July or August with the community; gave updates on

the Marina parking lot improvements; reported the Sewer Pump Project should be completed by the end of May; stated the installation of the electronic pay stations, signage and pay-by-app will be happening soon; spoke about meeting with Public Works and Parking Enforcement to figure out parking changes for the users of the courtesy dock; explained they managed to put numbers on the stalls to make it easier to pay; updated the group on the break wall repairs; stated they met with the Army Corps, Public Works and the Harbor Master regarding the project; mentioned May 15th was the date for the Army Corps to release their plans and their RFP to bid and are hoping to have a contractor on board by the end of June; noted that the staging area, Moonstone Park and the lot near King Harbor Yacht Club are tied to having the contractor on board so all of that will not start until after the 4th of July; reported they received their waiver for the Sea Bass grow pens, and will be fabricating the pens and targeted to complete that project by July; stated the consultant team for the Seaside Lagoon is still revising the plans based on feedback from LA County Health Department and the City is still on track to bring the project with entitlements to Harbor Commission in August; reported the non-profit Sailing Enterprise received Coastal Commission approval for Julie Coll and can start to run the non-profit out of those two Portofino slips; the Pier Plaza office complex is at about a 10% vacancy rate; mentioned they are reviewing multiple leases including the vacancies for the Old Fun Factory, Joe's Crab Shack; mentioned she and Administrative Analyst Iwasaki are going to the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas looking to gain new business.

Commissioner Bauer had a discussion with W.E.D. Manager Buck about the Maison Riz site and had questions about parking at the courtesy dock.

Commissioner Carlson asked if anyone comes across the Army Corps RFP to send it to the whole group because he would like to see it.

Commissioner Chrzan asked where the southern pay station would be for the dinghy dock; asked which items were not picked up by Council from the Strategic Planning Session.

W.E.D. Manager Buck detailed where the pay station would be; stated, as of now, the Breakwater repair project was not picked up for the Strategic Plan but the project is still moving forward with the Army Corps and gave more detail on their next steps; noted other items that are not in the Plan: options to increase the Harbor Patrol responsibilities to accommodate an increase in the frequency of inspections, explore necessary weatherproofing improvements to the roof along International Boardwalk, the improved overall wayfinding interior pathways, interior bike lanes, bike amenities, and implement the one dinghy dock within Basin 3.

Commissioner Abelman mentioned attending several ICSC conventions and spoke favorably on it.

Chair Callahan spoke negatively about BeachLife being extremely loud and very difficult to hear anything even with her doors closed; stated next year she would write a letter about it.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Chrzan stated the Police and Fire Departments used to report quarterly to the

Commission but feels it has been a long time since they have.

W.E.D. Manager Buck said they can get them doing that again.

Commissioner Carlson voiced his disappointment in not getting the expanded role for the Harbor Patrol; wondered what they can do without the item being on the Strategic Plan and mentioned agendizing the item.

Chair Callahan stated it would be a good idea to agendize the item.

Discussion followed regarding the licensing of purveyors of services in the Harbor, issues with the chemicals going into the water, and CUPs and unlicensed businesses, servicing and advertising.

W.E.D. Manager Buck added that LA County Beaches and Harbor are planning a beach nourishment project for the beach area south of the Pier; noted it is to maintain the 60-foot-wide beach with sea level rise and want to come next month to present the project to the Harbor Commission and it is on the agenda for June 9th.

Chair Callahan asked if an agenda setting meeting would take place for June.

Senior Management Analyst Charobee stated yes, and he will be sharing the date for that with the Commission soon.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Abelman, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The motion carried, 7-0.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on June 9, 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
Waterfront & Economic Development Director