



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4:30 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 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Melissa Villa, Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Analyst Villa declared there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

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

Analyst Villa reported receiving one eComment for Item F.3.

There were no other public comments on Closed Session Items and Non-Agenda Items.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:34 p.m.

Analyst Villa listed items to be considered in Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote to recess to Closed Session at 4:34 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Director of Human Resources Diane Strickfaden and Outside Counsel Carolyn Baliso.

Mayor Brand was absent and did not attend Closed Session.

Motion carried, 5-0.

- F.1. 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

- 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:

Phillip Ho v. City of Redondo Beach

WCAB No: ADJ15815046; ADJ16250693

- 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:

Traci Davidson v. City of Redondo Beach

WCAB No: ADJ15898431

- F.4. 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:

Dawn Berenschot v. City of Redondo Beach

WCAB No: ADJ11175077

- F.5. 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.6. 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:

New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach

**and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach
Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

- F.7. 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:

New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.

Case Number: 23STCP00426

- F.8. 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:

9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCP02189

- F.9. 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:

Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive

Case Number: 23TRCP00325

- F.10. 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:

**In re 9300 Wilshire LLC Bankruptcy
C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

- F.11. 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:

New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCV10146

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

There were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein led in the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the Cal Cities Mayor and Councilmember training; spoke about her recent District 3 community meeting; thanked City Manager Witzansky and the hosts of the Morell House and said she is working on her next community meeting with Public Works and Traffic Engineering Team which will be announced later.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Councilmember Nehrenheim for speaking at the SBCCOG regarding the Metro C Line Extension project as well as Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein and Councilmember Kaluderovic; reported it will support the right-of-way but will not take a position on alignment; thanked the City’s Public Works team and workers for their efforts during the recent storms; spoke about attending the Independent Cities Association Conference; referenced a discussion about Fentanyl and its dangers and urged parents to advise their children not to take any pills unless they are from the store or prescribed to them.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported attending the Independent Cities Association Conference; commented on the Fentanyl panel and on discussions regarding responding to the homelessness crisis; thanked the Public Works Department for the extra work keeping the City safe during the recent storms and announced the next District 2 community meeting will be on February 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Zoom.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein announced that Items H.12 and P.1, will be pulled from the agenda and continued to the next City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended to pull and table from Consent Calendar Agenda Items No. H.12 and P.1.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

F. AGENCY RECESS – 6:10 p.m.

F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING - 6:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

G.1 For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the City Council Meeting

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported Blue Folder Items includes one item under Item J.1.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve receive and file Blue Folder Items by voice vote.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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. DECEMBER 12, 2023 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

**CHECKS 29551-29573 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,495.10, PD. 1/19/24
DIRECT DEPOSIT 273545-274139 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,196,221.45, PD. 1/19/24**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

**CHECKS 112454-112667 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,575,895.29
EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$459,331.11
DIRECT DEPOSIT 100007989-100008083 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,996.84,
PD.2/1/24**

REPLACEMENT DEMANDS 112451, 112452, 112453

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SABLE COMPUTER, INC. DBA KIS, KIS COMPUTER CENTER, KEEP IT SIMPLE FOR ON-CALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT, COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,400 AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH KAJEET, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF OUTDOOR WI-FI EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,125.84. 3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LANCE SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP FOR AUDIT SERVICES RELATED TO SAFE CLEAN WATER (MEASURE W) EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.6. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.7. This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

H.8. ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE BASIN 2 SEWER PUMP OUT STATION UPGRADE PROJECT & HARBOR PATROL DOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT, JOB NOS. 50310 & 70690 RESPECTIVELY, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER AND

AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,265.94 TO BELLINGHAM MARINE INDUSTRIES, INC. UPON EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD AFTER SAID RECORDATION AND NO CLAIMS BEING FILED UPON THE PROJECTS

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.9. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2402-005, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE FUNDING REQUEST CERTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) FOR PAYMENT PROGRAMS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.10. APPROVE A TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO SECURE \$782,000 OF SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM, REGIONAL FUNDS, FOR THE GLEN ANDERSON PARK REGIONAL STORMWATER CAPTURE GREEN STREETS PROJECT

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.11. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$168,350.56

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.12. This item was pulled from the agenda and continued to the next City Council meeting.

H.13. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2402-006, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO UPDATE THE POSITION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

H.14. APPROVE A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH TEC-REFRESH, INC FOR NETWORK FIREWALL HARDWARE/SOFTWARE AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGED SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$857,470.89 AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO MARCH 5, 2027

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

H.15. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH VOX NETWORK SOLUTIONS INC FOR CISCO NETWORK SWITCHES AND CONFIGURATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,057.50 AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 5, 2025

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

H.16. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH OCCU-MED, LTD., FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 23, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2027 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$88,000 PER YEAR

CONTACT: DIANE STRICKFADEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

H.17. APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH MANNING & KASS, ELLROD, RAMIREZ, TRESTER LLP.

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein pulled Agenda Item No. H.7.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented, except for Agenda Item No. H.7 which was pulled for separate discussion and Item H.12 which was continued

to the next City Council meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Resolution Nos. CC-2402-005 and CC-2402-006.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H.7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH OM ROOFING INC. TO REPLACE THE ROOF AT THE POLICE PIER SUBSTATION FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$88,387

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2402-004, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE POLICE PIER SUBSTATION AS “REPAIR” AND EXEMPTING IT FROM BIDDING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 19 AND 19.1(A) OF THE CITY CHARTER OF REDONDO BEACH

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported he reviewed the quote and asked for additional information including the length of the warranty.

Public Works Director Semaan introduced the item; addressed the scope of work and discussed the warranty.

Deputy Public Works Director Operations Klein discussed details of the project including cap covers, scaffolding, roofing materials, composite sheeting, the parapet area and the timeline for the project.

Discussion followed regarding the cedar shake and possible asbestos remediation.

Deputy Public Works Director Operations Klein reported a test was given for asbestos and there is none present.

There were no public comments on this item.

City Manager Witzansky reported these improvements, and the interior remodel is part of the plan to build out the quality of life unit, particularly police patrol and code enforcement efforts along the pier.

RBPD Chief Hoffman added that the Department has expanded the MSO team and has staffing on the pier, on the weekends to allow for coverage for many quality of life type of issues.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, Agenda Item No. H.7, as presented.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim were absent.

Deputy Chief City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-2402-004.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file documents submitted by Austin Carmichael. There being no opposition, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered, with Councilmember Nehrenheim absent.

Austin Carmichael, District 5, Member of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission, spoke about his advocacy of public safety and asked that the Human Resources Department, with respect to public safety items, be added to the oversight of the Public Safety Commission.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to extend Austin Carmichael's time to comment by a minute. There being no opposition, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered, with Councilmember Nehrenheim and Mayor Brand, absent.

Austin Carmichael spoke about the need to review public safety policies regularly according to the law.

Joan Irvine, District 1, representing Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, spoke about their First Saturday Sweeps events; discussed sponsorships and announced fundraising for a scholarship for a graduating senior from Redondo Union High School who will focus his/her studies on environmental services.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, spoke about attending the SBCCOG meeting to witness their vote on the Metro C Line Extension project; stated they abdicated their responsibility to take a position on the route alignment and instead only flagged their support to the Metro Board of Director's authority to decide the future of the South Bay; noted their justification was that the project did not affect their city and therefore, did not wish to take a position; felt that perhaps a chemicals and hazardous materials expert should have been hired to convey to them the dangers; discussed existing refineries using MHF (a highly toxic chemical that is used to make high-octane gasoline) in nearby cities and referenced John Oliver's recent exposé on government freight cars.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about the recent SBCCOG meeting where they supported the project but remained neutral in terms of the alignment; reported that Hermosa Beach Mayor Massey stated he would support the ROW because he "claimed" he had not heard the case for the Hawthorne Boulevard alignment despite having attended multiple meetings regarding the subject; listed representatives who attended the meeting; announced March 28, 2024 could be the day Metro announces its

recommendations and urged the City to reach out to Lawndale about buses to provide transportation to the meeting to assure them they will not be “stiffed”.

Lee Coller, District 3, Staff Commodore, King Harbor Yacht Club and Vice Commodore of the Southern California Yachting Association, listed some of the achievements of and awards given to the organizations and their members. In response to Councilmember Obagi’s question, he described the Commodore’s tasks and responsibilities.

Wayne Craig mentioned The Commodores was a singing group; spoke about driving in Torrance where there were potholes everywhere and commended the Public Works Department for their excellent work in keeping the City streets maintained and safe.

Kyle Johnson, District 1, via Zoom, encouraged the City Council and residents to consider using public transit to the Metro meeting on March 28, 2024 and not charter public buses with other cities.

Kim Lu expressed her appreciation to the City for helping those facing difficult times and spoke favorably about the Beach Cities Health District and the resources they offer including training for Mental Health First Aid; discussed helping the youth and each other and hoped the City will promote increased support for education regarding the opioid crisis and consider increasing funding for after school programs and child care.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to extend Kim Lu’s time to comment by 30 seconds. There being no opposition, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered, with Councilmember Nehrenheim and Mayor Brand, absent.

Kim Lu continued speaking about the importance of mental health and providing the right resources.

Nancy Skiba, District 4, via Zoom, spoke about the Access Redondo app and how it is a great resource for residents; noted the condition of streets in Torrance compared to Redondo Beach and urged residents to, “Slow Down Redondo”.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving two eComments on this item.

There were no other public comments.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TIERRA WEST ADVISORS, INC. FOR CONSULTING

SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIT SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,000 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 5, 2025

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant to the City Manager Hause presented details of the Administrative Report and the agreement with Tierra West Advisors, Inc., for consulting services to assist with the review of the City's cannabis regulatory ordinances and development of the permit selection process and noted the attendance of the John Yonai, Chairman and Principal of Tierra West Advisors, Inc. and Jane McFarren, Senior Analyst.

Councilmember Obagi presented suggested revisions to Exhibit A to incorporate into the agreement, relative to the scope of services and Mr. Yonai noted no objections.

Councilmember Behrendt recalled that assistance relative to the rate of taxes was already included in the agreement; stated he is not in favor of adding another \$10,000 to the contract; felt the consultant should work within the 20 hours and agreed with the revised language.

Councilmember Kaluderovic clarified the additional \$10,000 was to cover commenting and reviewing delivery tax rates.

City Attorney Webb recalled that a change was made because of the motion that carried, not because of staff recommendations.

Assistant to the City Manager Hause reported she reviewed the prior motion regarding this item, and it included the addition of \$10,000 for research.

City Manager Witzansky noted that if the money is a "not to exceed" and the work is not directed, the City could conceivably save those funds and staff would assign the additional hours if there were concern about the hours or any other elements.

Discussion followed regarding the timeframe for reviewing AB 195 and getting a sales tax in place.

Councilmember Behrendt asked whether the same scope of work was used for the previous consultant, HDL and Tierra West Advisors, Inc. and Assistant to the City Manager Hause stated they were similar and discussed payments made to HDL.

Discussion followed regarding estimated Phase 2 costs, recuperating costs through applicant fees, setting fees, determining how much work will be anticipated, setting limitations regarding the number of dispensaries allowed in the City, moving forward and applying adequate fees for the City to recover its costs.

Councilmember Obagi referenced the Cannabis Taskforce and its recommendations; felt there are certain issues that do not need to be revisited and spoke about the possibility of a future City Council changing directions if this matter is not addressed in a timely fashion.

City Manager Witzansky reported that if the amount reverts to \$58,000, a reduction in the number of hours will be made from 40 hours to 20 hours.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this item.

Joan Irvine, District 1, expressed support for the item; hoped the process will not be prolonged any more than it already has; discussed the legalization of recreational cannabis in 2016 and her advocacy efforts; felt that legal dispensaries may not operate in Redondo Beach until 2026 with everything that is happening; questioned the City's use of resources when it has taken a decade to approve two cannabis dispensaries; discussed the effects of legal distribution to the illegal market; mentioned lost grant and tax monies caused by the delays and recommended moving forward with clearly defined milestones and delivery dates noting the financial health of the City and the well-being of residents depend on the resolution to this matter.

Jonathan Cvetko, District 1, reported the City can benefit immediately by starting to tax delivery sales coming in; talked about challenges in the industry; discussed AB 195 and related actions by Governor Newsom; spoke about systemic issues that need to be fixed and urged City Council to consider what is best for the City.

Melissa Dechandt, District 1, via Zoom, urged City Council to consider a delivery-only model for the City; spoke about the exposure of youth to high-potency cannabis, increased frequency of use and increased dependency in the progression to higher potencies and listed diseases associated with increased cannabis use.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to extend Melissa Dechandt's time to comment by 30 seconds. There being no opposition, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered, with Councilmember Nehrenheim absent.

Melissa Dechandt continued addressing pertinent statistics related to cannabis use; urged the City to support delivery-only access to cannabis and to mitigate exposure to the City's youth.

Devin Wardlow, Vice President of Public Affairs, Embark, via Zoom, thanked the City for bringing retail cannabis to Redondo Beach through a competitive licensing process; spoke about a state level grant program specific for municipal governments which closes in March and urged City Council to move forward with implementing retail cannabis in the City.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving one eComment in opposition to the item.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi commented on cannabis use by the youth in the City; felt the only way to combat it is to produce a legal means for adults to access it and generate revenue for that so some of it can be used towards cannabis education for the youth.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, and approved as amended by roll call vote, to approve AN AGREEMENT WITH TIERRA

WEST ADVISORS, INC., FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIT SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,000 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 5, 2025, as amended to include the edits suggested in the discussions by Councilmember Obagi, approve the original amount of \$58,000 and revise the Scope of Work (Objective 5) to be reduce from 40 to 20 hours.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nehrenheim
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED CUSHIONS ON THE 800 BLOCK OF N LUCIA AVENUE

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Traffic Engineer Liu narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the installation of speed cushions on the 800 block of N. Lucia Avenue.

Discussion followed regarding increased noise and the use of "cushions" versus "wide humps".

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Jessica Mentessoglou, District 2, commended the City for having a process that is inclusive and allows residents, the Commission and Council to review what is at hand; noted the data shows there is a speed issue; opined speed along Lucia should be at 25 mph and hoped City Council will move the item forward.

Pam Emch, District 2, spoke in support of the item and reported she signed the petition; discussed an increase in the number of cars travelling along Lucia as well as increased speed; listed factors that have exacerbated speeding and felt the speed cushions will help.

Sharon Koay, District 2, discussed her experience living on Lucia; spoke about increased traffic and increased speed, and voiced her support for the installation of speed cushions.

Kyle Johnson, District 1, via Zoom, spoke in support of the item in encouraging people to slow down and drive safely.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving 26 eComments: 3 opposed, 1 neutral and 22 in support of the item.

David Walner, District 2, via Zoom, voiced his strong opposition to the installation of speed cushions along Lucia; felt that over 400 vehicles going over the street cushions everyday would make life intolerable; stated it would affect their ability to sleep and the general enjoyment of their property; suggested that alternative measures be implemented, including lane narrowing and calming by adding white striping along the roadside and the installation of speed radar signs.

Paul Moses, District 2, via Zoom, spoke in support of the installation of speed cushions and felt it is the only measure that will work, adding that speed signs are not effective.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi commended residents who initiated the request and worked with other residents to move it forward; agreed there is a speed problem on that street; mentioned people will find other ways to cut through once the speed cushions are installed and thanked residents for their activism.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about the City's process to qualify these changes; reported she has speed cushions on her street and mentioned she feels safe with them.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported he lives down the street; attested that people do not stop and that they speed along Lucia; acknowledged concerns about noise; stated white lines do not work and spoke about the overwhelming support by residents.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by roll call vote, to approve the INSTALLATION OF SPEED CUSHIONS ON THE 800 BLOCK OF N LUCIA AVENUE.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nehrenheim
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2024 FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS INCLUDING A CITY SPONSORED EVENT IN KING HARBOR, A PRIVATELY SPONSORED EVENT AND FIREWORK DISPLAY IN THE RIVIERA VILLAGE, A PRIVATELY SPONSORED 5K RUN, AND A DAYTIME EVENT AT DOMINGUEZ PARK

DIRECTION ON WHETHER THE CITY-SPONSORED EVENT IN KING HARBOR SHOULD INCLUDE A BARGE-BASED FIREWORKS DISPLAY WITH GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS AND PI ENVIRONMENTAL OR A DRONE LIGHT SHOW PROVIDED BY SKY ELEMENTS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Community Services Director Harding introduced the item; provided a brief background and history and deferred to staff for a report.

Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the proposed plans for 2024 Fourth of July events and noted the attendance of representatives from Garden State Fireworks and Pi Environmental, via Zoom, to respond to questions from City Council.

City Manager Witzansky spoke in support of all the events that have been laid out; asked whether City Council is comfortable with a barge-based fireworks show; noted fireworks this year are far more expensive than in the past; reported Tidelands funding has been used to fund the expense, the event is a benefit to the local area and indicated there is no money in the budget, currently, and that a budget modification will require a 4th/5th vote by City Council. Additionally, he mentioned Councilmember Nehrenheim asked him to relay comments which align with staff's recommendations; offered options relative to permits; discussed Riviera Village events and stipulations for their participation in terms of the covering their share of environmental and permit costs and that they contract with a certified fireworks company (Garden State) that can produce a show in a safe and secure environment. He thanked Rbfd Interim Chief Butler and Chief Reagan for their expertise and suggested the City cover the permit application on behalf of both parties and asked the City Council demand that they comply with safety and security requirements, vendor requirements and pay their fair share of environmental associated costs.

In reply to Councilmember Behrendt's question, City Manager Witzansky explained the City would have more liability exposure with respect to the environmental component.

Rbfd Interim Chief Butler addressed MPDS permit regulations relative to environmental impacts; spoke about the benefits of using a consultant and discussed possible ways of defraying costs to the City. He added that he would prefer all of the events to be properly coordinated through his office and apply for a permit on behalf of the City and Riviera Village.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of having Riviera Village apply for a separate permit while requiring them to use the City's vendor, lower costs associated with a shared permit and giving the City control over the events.

City Manager Witzansky reported that Garden State Fireworks is scheduled to host the event in L.A. Harbor on July 3, 2024; noted Garden State would quote two \$65,000 shows (one barge-based and one for Riviera Village) and reported that Riviera Village is interested in hosting a show.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein noted many people stay in hotels during the Fourth of July which increases Harbor revenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Joan Irvine, Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, reported that Riviera Village does not host the

event, but rather it is Keep the Esplanade Beautiful; hoped Riviera Village becomes a sponsor; spoke about the event tradition and history; announced they are in the process of planning the 2024 event; addressed setting up a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for the event and their ongoing programs including scholarships and urged residents to contribute and share the information.

Lee Coller, District 3, spoke in favor of a fireworks show in the Harbor, versus a drone show; noted drone shows are only visible from certain locations and that fireworks shows bring people to the area hotels.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted the permit is good for five years if the City remains in good standing and in reply to her question, City Manager Witzansky reported the City maintains the ultimate discretion when considering future events.

Steve, Garden State Fireworks, via Zoom, provided a brief company history; spoke about the benefits of the environmental permit; noted they are one of the only companies still willing to do a show over the water; addressed the relationship with Pi Environmental and the Water Board and talked about water testing and doing their due diligence.

Wayne Craig agreed with the earlier speaker in support of fireworks shows versus a drone show; spoke about some sort of barge activity off The Avenues; felt that groups hosting fireworks shows should be experienced and opined that if the City partners with any non-profit, there should be some kind of financial disclosure so there is full transparency of where the money is going.

Discussion followed regarding the Dominguez Park celebration and features, ensuring the money is well-spent and the event is well-attended; challenges with staffing, the Seaside Lagoon event, the possibility of holding a City birthday celebration or Shakespeare by the Sea at Dominguez Park, saving the money that was budgeted for the Dominguez Park Fourth of July event for another event in the future.

Councilmember Kaluderovic confirmed that the Dominguez Park Fourth of July event will stretch staff thin and wondered whether it will be well-attended, considering all of the other events in the City on that day.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater, via Zoom, spoke in favor of fireworks versus drones and stated he trusts the City, the Fire Marshall and the vendor to put on a show that is environmentally responsible.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving one eComment that was neutral.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by roll call vote, to approve the following July 4, 2024 events to include the 5K 4th of July Run, Mr. Ginsburg's event on Avenue I and potential fireworks show assuming they pay their pro rata for the environmental permit, and any other cost associated, approve 1 permit being shared under the purview of the City's Fire Department, Fire Chief and Division Chief, subject to the fact that they properly fundraise and are able to procure a

contract with the vendor in order to ultimately provide the show and if those funds do not materialize, then the City will not provide a single contract with Garden State to provide the two shows (that contract would be between the non-profits and Garden State), not have the Dominguez Park daytime community event and direct staff to consider a weekend event in the Summer at Dominguez Park and preserving the funds for future use, and barge-based fireworks show with Garden State at the rates of Fireworks \$65,000 and Barge \$38,171, not including mooring costs, and authorization to contract the services of Pi Environmental for \$7,500 to assist the City in the NPEDS Permit and required reporting for the fireworks display.

Councilmember Kaluderovic clarified that the permit for Mr. Ginsburg's event is only for this year, to which City Manager verified and stated that the City would be applying for a 5-year permit but retain the discretion to administer. Further, even though the City will have a 5-year coverage, the City will probably have subsequent applications with the Board and any appropriations will be brought back to the City Council.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nehrenheim
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to recess at 8:34 p.m. for a short 8-minute break. There being no opposition, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered, with Councilmember Nehrenheim, absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reconvened the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand

N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FIRST RESPONDER FEE, AND DIRECTION TO INITIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH WITTMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC. FOR BILLING SERVICES

CONTACT: PATRICK BUTLER, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Rbfd Interim Chief Butler presented details of the Administrative Report; discussed AB 716; listed his recommendations, including the implementation of the fee schedule and

the billing process; addressed potential revenues and an agreement with Wittman Enterprises, LLC for billing services.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported speaking with Councilmember Nehrenheim who shared concerns about people receiving a bill from Whitman on behalf of the City and will assume since it is from the City, they will have to pay; hoped to continue this discussion until next week so that Councilmember Nehrenheim can weigh in on the subject and suggested being explicit that people should submit the claims to their insurance companies, first.

Councilmember Obagi stated he would like to see a sample of the bill to be sent out to residents; suggested adding a notation for people to submit it to their insurance company, first and pointed out that residents pay for fire and other services through their taxes.

RBFD Interim Chief Butler stated staff will return with a contract that can be completely discussed again.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked about including the administration cost of \$17 per customer in the billing for a total of \$330.

City Manager Witzansky responded that staff could do that but would need to revise the Master Fee Schedule and increase the amount and then a portion would be used to offset the per-billing cost, which would need to be done through a budget adjustment in June.

Councilmember Behrendt suggested providing FAQs for customers to have their questions answered online and also provide information for people to contact their insurance company, first.

Discussion followed regarding the number of calls per year.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Public Safety Commissioner Austin Carmichael, District 5, spoke about the benefits of automating the system through a portal such as API for online payments. Staff can look into this further.

Holly Osborne, via Zoom, spoke about her experience calling 911 and asked about responsibility for payment.

There were no other public comments.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Interim Fire Chief Butler for his work on this matter of cost recovery and making the City more efficient.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by roll call vote, to direct the Fire Department and City Attorney's Office to negotiate a contract with Wittman Enterprises, LLC for EMS billing services making clear

in their first letter for residents to turn the bill over to their insurance for payment, provide examples of the draft letters to the City Council, request that an API to have a link for bill to be paid directly to the insurance company or to pay with Tyler technology or portal system as an automated payment option, and include FAQ on the backside and also on their website.

Nancy Skiba, via Zoom, asked about the possibility of the fee being on a sliding scale or a compassion clause for disabled people and those on a fixed income and she asked about the service cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein and Fire Chief Butler responded and provide information regarding Speaker Skiba's comments. City Manager will provide follow up information regarding guideline related to compassion clause, such as the one in the Utility Users guide. Additional conversation ensued.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nehrenheim
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

N.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL OF A THIRTEENTH EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

RECEIVE AND FILE THE THIRTEENTH EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

CONTACT: SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Acting Community Development Director Scully presented details of the Administrative Report.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to Receive and File the thirteenth extension of the emergency coastal development permit for the temporary closure of the beach access ramp at Esplanade and Avenue A to protect public safety.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEM

City Manager Witzansky thanked Public Works personnel for keeping the City safe during the recent storms and announced the City has received and installed the last power-coated and treated Redondo Beach Pier sails.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. This item was pulled from the agenda and continued to the next City Council meeting.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Obagi addressed the need to paint the Artesia Bridge.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein asked about the status of sharing the costs of chartering buses to the Metro meeting with the City of Lawndale and spoke about people parking on Anita Street between Francisca Street and PCH and in the parking lot at the Gateway parkette.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to direct staff to return to City Council with a discussion regarding parking on Anita Street between Francisca Street and PCH.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Nehrenheim was absent.

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - None

R.1. 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

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:

**Phillip Ho v. City of Redondo Beach
WCAB No: ADJ15815046; ADJ16250693**

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:

Traci Davidson v. City of Redondo Beach

WCAB No: ADJ15898431

- R.4. 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:

Dawn Berenschot v. City of Redondo Beach

WCAB No: ADJ11175077

- R.5. 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.6. 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:

New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: 22TRCP00203

- R.7. 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:

New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.

Case Number: 23STCP00426

- R.8. 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:

9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCP02189

- R.9. 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:

Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive

Case Number: 23TRCP00325

- R.10. 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:

In re 9300 Wilshire LLC Bankruptcy C.D. Cal.

Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER

- R.11. 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:

New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCV10146

- S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

- T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:16 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m., to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

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