



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, December 10, 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 Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

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 reported there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

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

There were no public communications on Closed Session items and non-agenda items.

### **F. RECESS TO CLOSED – 4:35 p.m.**

Analyst Villa read title to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced that the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Director of Human Resources Diane Strickfaden, W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich, Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude and Outside Legal Counsels Jon Welner and Abby O'Brient

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to recess to Closed Session at 4:36 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

- F.1. 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.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:**

**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.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:**

**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**

- 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:**

**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.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:**

**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.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:**

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

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

- 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:**

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

**Name of case:**

**Jennifer Gornbein v. City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive**

**Case Number: 24TRCV03931**

- F.9. 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:**

**208 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 King Harbor Marina (a portion of APN: 7503-003-900)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Allen Ginsburg - Majestic KHM, LLC**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

## **Lease Terms**

**CONTACT:** GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- F.10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

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

**PROPERTY:**

**200 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 750-500-9902) 715 Julia Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (portion of parcels APN: 750-702-0900 and APN: 750-702-1900) 3007 Vail Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 (a portion of APN: 415-001-7931) 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 (APN: 404-900-8903) Parking Lot at the Corner of Felton Ln. and 182nd St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 (APN: 415-803-3900) 807 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 (a Portion of APN: 408-302-4900)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Dr. Nicole Wesley, Superintendent Redondo Beach Unified School District**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms**

- F.11. 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  
Brian Campbell, BC Urban**

**PROPERTY:**

**201 Fisherman's Wharf, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7505-002-913)**

- F.12. 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:**

**Management and Confidential Employee Group, Redondo Beach  
Firefighters' Association - Fire Management Unit**

**F.13. 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**

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

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

**H. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim,  
Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk  
Melissa Villa, Analyst

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky announced that regarding Item No. F.8, Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to defend the City in the matter.

**J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn to the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**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 Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk (via Zoom)  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Cheryl Park, Assistant City Attorney  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk  
Melissa Villa, Analyst

### **C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Light invited Veterans and Active Military to stand and be recognized for their service.

Mackenzie, 4th Grader, Beryl Heights Elementary School, led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silence.

### **D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Obagi announced the City received the Southern California Regional Energy Network a Bronze Level Achievement Award by SBCOG and thanked the Department of Public Works for their work; Public Works Director Winje came up to receive the award.

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced the District 1 Community Meeting on Saturday at Alta Vista and noted the online meeting will be later this month.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced there will be no December District 2 Community Meeting, the Annual Redondo Beach Boat Parade on Saturday, starting at 5:30 p.m. and commented on taking a recent tour of the Newport/Inglewood Fault with seismologist Lucy Jones.

Councilmember Kaluderovic commented on taking a recent tour of the Athens' diversion facility.

Mayor Light spoke about attending a round table meeting at the King Harbor Yacht Club; reported hearing the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade choir from Beryl Elementary School and reported attending a Christmas Tree Lighting with Sonesta and heard the Mira Costa choir.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Slide 3A, illustrating a recent tagging incident and commented on the quick service provided by the Public Works Department in removing the graffiti; reported SCE has approved the expansion of the bike path in North Redondo and thanked Public Works once again for cleaning a recent paint spill on the street.

**E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**F. AGENCY RECESS - None**

**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 noted Blue Folder Items for Items No. H.8, J.1 and M.2.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 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. JULY 30, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING  
B. AUGUST 6, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**H.4. APPROVE FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 74481 (FOR THE SOUTH BAY SOCIAL DISTRICT'S COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT 1815 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY THE MAP'S APPROVAL**

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

- H.5. REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE NORTH PIER PARKING STRUCTURE REPAIRS PROJECT, JOB NO. 70610 AND DIRECT STAFF TO REVISE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT AND RE-ADVERTISE THE UPDATED CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

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

- H.6. APPROVE A GRANT YEAR 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$58,728 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

**CONTACT:** JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE; PATRICK BUTLER, FIRE CHIEF

- H.7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$216,100 TO PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SUPPORT A FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE PROJECT, JOB NO 20810 AND TO ASSIST WITH INQUIRIES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING THE DOMINGUEZ PARK LANDSCAPING AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, JOB NO 30730**

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

- H.8. DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

Councilmember Obagi commented on Item No. H.4.

Mayor Light invited public comments on this item.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended, including the Resolution for Item No. H.8.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-2412-116.

## **I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

## **J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

### **J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public**

Mayor Light opened public participation on non-agenda Items.

Ron Maroko, District 3, 30-year resident, Leadership Redondo alumni and former Chair of the Historical Commission, stated he was there to update the Council on the Path of History Project; mentioned he is passing out a packet that includes pictures of recent marker installations; stated the last time he came to them was on October 1, 2024 and he came to discuss the lack of progress in getting these markers installed and getting the design contract before the Council; stated last June consistent with City Strategic Plan number 3 develop experiences to engage in City Historic resources the City approved the budget for this year that included eight new markers; noted in July, he met with the City Manager and discussed this project and got the go ahead to contact the sign designer (who previously worked with them on designing the last five markers that were installed); stated on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the sign designer, the one who designed all of the existing markers, submitted a proposal to the City Manager for designing the next set of signs; stated the total cost for the design contract is \$13,500; noted the contract is similar to the one with her that lapsed in November 2023 and it is only a design only contract; stated he has included the July 23, 2024 proposal addressed to the City Manager in the packet and also included the minutes from the November 2, 2021 meeting where it was a Consent Calendar item that passed 5-0 and included prior cover pages with signature pages, the project description scope of service and schedule for contract to show the Council that this is not something controversial; expressed disappointment about the Community Services response moving the project forward; opined this is a classic slow walk of a project; stated on October 23, 2024, he was told in writing that the design proposal was no good because it was sent to him and not to the City and he had to start the process all over again; stated if the Council looks in the packet they will see the July 23<sup>rd</sup> proposal is address to the City to the attention of the City Manager and he was just copied with it; stated next, he was told Staff needs to get competitive quotes for the design work; reiterated the design work was for \$13,600 for the contract and \$1,700 per sign that the City approved

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report submitted by Ron Maroko.

The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to extend the time by 30 seconds, for Ron Maroko's comments.

The motion carried 3-0-2. Councilmember Obagi and Behrendt abstained.

Ron Maroko felt that the staff issue appears to be with the fabrication of the sign, which is not part of the design contract; noted the City picks the fabricator; stated the project is consistent with the Strategic Plan and the money is in the budget; noted it has been about 140 days since the proposal came in; hoped the City Manager will make a commitment to Council and provide a date and procedures so that the City can move forward with the contract.

Councilmember Obagi asked that the City Clerk note that he and Councilmember Behrendt abstained from the vote and Brown Act on it; opined that the City cannot differentiate between Ron Maroko and anybody else who comes and speaks and decide to extend the time for some but not others depending on the content of their speech or who they are; spoke about meetings dragging on and would like to adhere to the three minutes.

Joan Irvine, District 1, stated she is honored to have qualified to run for Mayor of Redondo Beach and looked forward to meeting many voters in the next few months; talked about the importance of free speech and reported she finds it disheartening when people hide behind private Facebook groups such as the Redondo Chamber of Commerce and One View Redondo and spill innuendos and half truths just to ridicule people; stated Redondo has a reputation for not moving forward on projects or taking years to get things done; discussed delays in projects such as the legalization of cannabis dispensaries in the City and how many times the topic has been before Council increasing staff costs; spoke about the City continuing to lose tax money and needing local jobs and urged Council to move forward as the City has committed to.

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke about the Keep the Esplanade Beautiful having been named "Non-Profit of the Year" by the Redondo Chamber of Commerce; noted three of its Board Members are running for office in the March 2025 Election; mentioned important questions that the group has refused to answer and noted financial records are legally required to be produced for public review per IRS regulations by non-profit entities.

Melissa DeChandt (via Zoom) mentioned the Hollywood Riviera Stroll was a great event; spoke in opposition to store front cannabis dispensaries in Redondo Beach; noted the importance of transparency on any sort of cannabis voting; requested that District 1 and District 4 Councilmembers recuse themselves from the item as they have collected funds from cannabis operators.

Mark Hansen announced the upcoming King Harbor Yacht Club Christmas Boat Parade; reported the Pier Association will have their annual concert on the pier and urged the public to go to [www.visitkingharbor.com](http://www.visitkingharbor.com) for more information; acknowledged Pat Light, the wife of Mayor Jim Light, for chairing the boat parade for the second time.

Robert Merkelbach, Rosin Tech Labs, reported his company will be applying for a cannabis license in South Redondo Beach; spoke about the company's operations in



Torrance and another location in New Jersey called The Hashery; stated that given the opportunity they would love to operate in Redondo Beach; thanked the Council for all the work they have done thus far.

There were no other public comments, and Mayor Light closed this portion of the meeting.

**K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

**M.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING RESOLUTION CC-2412-112 REGARDING THE CITY CLERK DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS; AND**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-117, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-112, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING TO AMENDING CHARTER ARTICLE XI ELECTIVE OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 11 CITY CLERK, ARTICLE XII CITY MANAGER POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 12.3 POWERS AND DUTIES, AND ARTICLE XX FUNDS, DISBURSEMENTS AND LIABILITY SECTION 20.1 APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND SETTING PROCEDURAL DETAILS; FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2410-090**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo noted City Clerk Manzano is online and narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of Items No. M.1 through M.4 including action items to be considered by City Council and recommended amendments to each resolution. The presentation included:

- Actions to be considered by the City Council – To review and revise the resolutions the City Council adopted at the previous City Council meeting on December 3, 2024
  - Review the Exhibit(s) for each Resolution
  - Review the letter designation for each ballot question
  - Confirm the letter designation for each ballot question
  - Authorize author(s) to submit argument in favor
  - Direct the City Attorney to prepare the impartial analysis
  - Adopt the Resolution(s) as amended
- Resolution No. CC-2412-117 (M1) – Charter Amendment City Clerk Duties and

Qualifications – amends resolution No. 2412-112 adopted on 12/3/2024

- Showed the current resolution and opened it up for discussion

Discussion followed regarding the redline version of duties.

City Attorney Webb added that the changes shown are those considered during Council's last meeting and reviewed details of changes.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to amend Resolution No. CC-2412-112 regarding the City Clerk duties and qualifications as listed in Exhibit A and order the submission and putting forth Measure CCD as provided.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Bob Pinzler stated the things that are being changed are not just Section 11 and they all need to be reflected in the ballot question; referenced G, noting that "participate during the process in review", should be "of" review.

City Clerk Manzano agreed with the edits suggested by Mr. Pinzler.

Amended motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to amend Resolution No. CC-2412-112 regarding the City Clerk duties and qualifications as listed in Exhibit A and order the submission and putting forth Measure CCD, as provided, and amending Section G to indicate, "participate during the review of accounting procedures and annual audit of accounting expenditures" and adding the relevant sections to the ballot question.

More discussion followed regarding the specifics of the language and the word count limit, which is 75.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo pointed out the resolution includes both Measure CCD and Measure CCQ.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo continued narrating the PowerPoint presentation with details of Measure CCQ.

- Measure CCQ – Proposed Charter Amendment: Shall the final paragraph of Section 11 regarding the qualifications related to eligibility for office of City Clerk be expanded to include four years of experience as a County of City Cleark: or Registrar in the State of California; or a Bachelor's degree and five years of experience in accounting?

Discussion followed on the possible typo and titles.

City Clerk Manzano (via Zoom) spoke about the various titles used by other cities when referring to the second in charge of the City Clerk's office.



Councilmember Behrendt referenced Slide 3A; noted he has no objection to keeping it as Deputy City Clerk, so it opens the possibility of that person to run for office as City Clerk; talked about letting the vetting occur during the election process. Additionally, he spoke about opening the position to more potentially qualified candidates; someone who has four or more years of service in an elected office for the City of Redondo Beach, who has been involved in oversight, elections and other issues; noted the person would have a record upon themselves having been an elected officer.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question, Councilmember Behrendt confirmed he would like to add that as a fourth qualification.

City Clerk Manzano (via Zoom) shared her experience running for City Clerk, at the request of Councilmember Nehrenheim, and noted prior running mates had 15 units of accounting or government accounting, per qualifications existing at that time.

Councilmember Nehrenheim questioned adding the fourth qualification as proposed by Councilmember Behrendt; noted the point is to ensure there are qualifications for someone that wants to be in that position and does not address the concern that the City Clerk had regarding the ability to manage people; noted with the qualification of 4 years the City Treasurer or City Attorney could run for the City Clerk position but they have no knowledge of that particular area so he does not see the point of that requirement; stated, respectfully, he would say no to item number four and keep the others as is with the minor amendments.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he has been on the Council for 8 years and opined he is not qualified to run as City Clerk; believed the other three qualifications would be watered down by adding the fourth; spoke about the City Clerk being a very specialized, technical position; noted that qualifications are usually listed when interviewing for a job and that candidates should have learned the trade by going to school or working.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Slide 3A and proposed that the fourth qualification might be to open the office up for "four years of experience in the office of a County or City Clerk or Registrar in the State of California".

Bob Pinzler reported the issue came down to the need for accounting; noted it was essential to the City Clerk and the CRAC, to keep accounting as a basic measure; mentioned that "four years of experience in the office" does not mean anything and explained why and gave examples; stated he does not feel that solves the issue and asserted the concern was that there be substantive experience in the City Clerk process.

Councilmember Obagi commented on the various perspectives regarding having knowledge in accounting being a requirement; talked about the position focusing more on elections, public records requests, agendas and minutes; stated the CRAC's and the City Clerk's focus on accounting may not be what is needed; felt the ultimate goal is to get as many people as possible onto a ballot and let the voters decide who will be best

for the job to lead the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned accounting functions have been taken over by in-house City staff and wondered whether those requirements are needed at all.

Councilmember Behrendt discussed not having to have accounting experience and still qualifying for the position.

Amended motion continued by Councilmember Obagi to, relative to Measure CCQ, incorporate the suggested edits, amending number 2 to say, "four years of experience in the office of a County or City Clerk, or Registrar in the State of California".

Mayor Light stated he does not agree with including "or Registrar".

Councilmember Kaluderovic suggested keeping the Deputy Clerk because it is limiting those in the Registrar's Office.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about eliminating the Deputy and keeping the qualifications as broad as possible, creating a baseline of qualifications.

Discussion followed regarding further edits to the qualifications, working "as" a City Clerk and not just in the City Clerk's Office and changing the number of years of experience to eight.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about the office of the City Clerk; noted that what is critical to the function of that office is the staff hired by that City Clerk; stated experience and knowledge in that office is important, but so is judgment, management, people skills and other traits and agreed with the motion proposed by Councilmember Obagi.

Discussion followed regarding the City Clerk having experience coming in and changing the qualification to five years of experience.

Restated the amended motion.

Amended motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to amend Resolution No. CC-2412-112 regarding the City Clerk duties and qualifications as listed in Exhibit A and order the submission and putting forth Measure CCD, as provided, and amending Section G to indicate, "participate during the review of accounting procedures and audit of accounting expenditures" and adding the relevant sections to the ballot question; that, relative to Measure CCQ, incorporate the suggested edits, amending number 2 to say, "Five years of experience in the office of a County or City Clerk, or Registrar in the State of California".

Ron Maroko, District 3, Former Member of the CRAC, expressed concerns regarding Section 12 of the resolution dealing with getting ballot statements in; talked about having tight deadlines the last time and suggested allowing more time so that the public can

participate in the process. Additionally, he spoke about the need for the public to understand what it is that Council is doing.

There were no other public comments on this item.

City Clerk Manzano reminded Council of the need to authorize a Member to write the arguments for the ballot question.

Councilmember Obagi added to the amended motion, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to authorize Councilmember Nehrenheim to write the argument for Measure CCD and Councilmember Kaluderovic to write the argument for Measure CCQ.

The amended motion carried 5-0, by voice vote.

**M.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-113 REGARDING THE CITY TREASURER DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS; AND**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-118, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-113, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING TO AMENDING CHARTER ARTICLE XI ELECTIVE OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 11.1 CITY TREASURER, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL DETAILS; FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2410-090**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo presented Exhibit A related to the duties of the City Treasurer and Exhibit B related to the qualifications.

Mayor Light and Councilmembers Loewenstein and Obagi left the chambers.

City Treasurer Solomon referenced a Blue Folder item for this item that was developed in coordination with the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk and noted the latest edits including striking through Item E and consolidating Items D and E to reflect conversations from the last City Council meeting.

Councilmember Loewenstein returned to the chambers.

Mayor Light returned to the chambers.

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

City Treasurer Solomon noted there were no changes made to the qualifications

component; stated he would not be in favor of adding a fourth qualification of a previous City elected position.

Councilmember Behrendt referenced Slide 3A showing current qualifications and additional alternatives for consideration and felt that “four or more years of elected office for the City of Redondo Beach” would also qualify someone for City Treasurer.

Councilmember Obagi left the chambers.

Councilmember Nehrenheim discussed jobs qualifying under 1, 2 or 3; opposed adding qualifications; addressed the importance of having qualifications and spoke about consistency and letting the voters decide.

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Behrendt left the chambers.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Bob Pinzler noted that according to the Administrative Report, the proposed ballot title is: “Shall the City Treasurer amend the City Treasurer’s duties?”; reported that it should state, “Shall the voters amend the City Treasurer’s duties?”

Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Behrendt returned to the chambers.

City Attorney Webb noted that it was a temporary proposed ballot question which has since been changed.

Andy Porkchop spoke about the City of Torrance eliminating the Treasury Department; felt the City Treasurer has an important role in the city, that all you need is a decent, honest person and spoke in support of having the voters decide and more people getting the chance to run.

There were no other public comments on this item.

City Clerk Manzano addressed setting priorities for arguments.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to approve the Resolution, and the amended Blue Folder items, with the two Exhibits A and B and authorizing Councilmember Nehrenheim to write the argument in support of the ballot question for the City Treasure duties (CTD) and leaving the authorization for the qualifications (CTQ) open.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Resolutions No. CC-2412-117 and CC-

24-12-118.

**M.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING  
RESOLUTION CC-2412-114 REGARDING PUBLISHING/PUBLICATION; AND**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-119, A RESOLUTION OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-114, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CERTAIN MEASURES  
RELATING TO AMENDING CHARTER ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.15  
ORDINANCES, PUBLICATION, ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 17.9 BUDGET  
HEARING AND ADOPTION AND ARTICLE XIX, SECTIONS 19 PUBLIC  
WORKS, CONTRACTS AND 19.5 LEGAL NOTICES, CONTRACT FOR  
PUBLICATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 4,  
2025, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2410-090.**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

City Attorney Webb noted no changes from the last time this was discussed and addressed options for the ballot question for including the relevant sections of the Charter, if stays within the 75-word limit.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Bob Pinzler spoke about issues of State law and how this relates to it and the City's status as a Charter City.

City Attorney Webb reported the CRAC tried to get ahead of the seeming demise of local newspapers without being in violation of State Law with regard to noticing requirements.

Bob Pinzler suggested adding, "according to State Law" so that if it changes, in the future, the City will be ready for it.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and carried by voice vote, to approve the Resolution and accept the question with Councilmember Nehrenheim and Mayor Light as proponents.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Resolution No. CC-2412-119.

Councilmember Loewenstein left the chambers.

**M.4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING**

## **RESOLUTION CC-2412-115 REGARDING RESIDENCY; AND**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-120, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2412-115, ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING TO AMENDING CHARTER ARTICLE VI CITY COUNCIL SECTION 6.5. VACANCY, DECLARED BY COUNCIL, ARTICLE VIII THE MAYOR, ADDING SECTION 8.6 VACANCY, DECLARED BY COUNCIL, AND AMENDING ARTICLE X ELECTIVE OFFICES SECTION 10.2 ELECTIVE OFFICES, VACANCIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS FOR RESIDENCY, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL DETAILS; FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION 2410-090**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

City Attorney Webb noted no changes from the last time this was discussed and reported Council may consider changing the ballot question to add the articles and sections there without necessarily the title of each.

Discussion followed regarding disagreements on definitions related to residency and making the residency requirements for Councilmembers and the Mayor consistent and addressing declarations of a vacancy.

City Attorney Webb explained the changes made related to residency and vacancies.

Councilmember Obagi left the chambers.

City Attorney Webb addressed the various definitions in the Elections Code and stated it is better to include a specific definition for improved clarity.

Councilmember Obagi returned to the chambers.

City Attorney Webb discussed compliance with State Law and reported it is not in compliance with itself because of the different definitions.

Mayor Light added that State Law will not override the City Charter.

Discussion followed regarding including the definitions in the Charter instead of the ordinance, the definition of "domicile" and qualifying a person to that location.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about potential challenges and the need for further discussion and reported he would support the first part relative to the Mayor's position but not making it more lengthy or convoluted.

City Attorney Webb stated there is a requirement for the Council, that they remain residents, but there is no definition for resident and suggested including one to resolve potential challenges in the future.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated this has been an issue in the past; noted Council now has an opportunity to address it; spoke about the need to define residency prior to making that requirement of the Mayor; stated she is open to considering the options in terms of the definition of domicile and referenced the 2026 Domicile Legislator definitions.

Councilmember Obagi agreed with Mayor Light that the 2026 Domicile Legislator definitions are confusing and suggested also considering that the Mayor does not have an attendance requirement.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve Resolution No. CC-2412-120 and authorizing Councilmember Loewenstein to write the argument in favor of the ballot question and direct the City Attorney to include the appropriate articles and sections in the title.

Councilmember Behrendt referenced Slide 3A; spoke about the definition of domicile as listed in the slide and felt it seems clear and better than not having a definition.

Councilmember Loewenstein voiced his agreement and noted he is leery about including things that people can find ways of abusing.

City Attorney Webb reported that a homeless person can register wherever their home is, referenced case law and Section 349, and mentioned someone living in a business and claiming residency.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced Slide 1A relative to sections from the California Election Code Article 2, Determination of Residence and Domicile; talked about voting by mail in the State of California and automatic changes in domicile; claimed you cannot take one small section of the code but must take the whole thing; suggested staying with Article 2.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to only add Exhibit A except Section 6.5 and the last two sentences in bold, in Section 10.2 and amend the ballot question to "Shall the residency requirement for every elected official in the City be required to each position throughout their term of office?"

The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Behrendt referenced Slide 3A and suggested adding, "If a person has a domicile outside of the City of Redondo Beach, they are not a resident".

City Attorney Webb indicated a person can only have one domicile, could have multiple



residences, but only one domicile.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Bob Pinzler suggested mirroring 8.6 and 6.5 regarding attendance and spoke about including the word “resident” and not defining it.

Rolf Strutzenberg, former Chair of the CRAC; disagreed with adding a definition for “residency”; did not believe it should go into the Charter as it would be setting the City up for conflict in the future.

Andy Porkchop gave an analogy saying he would run for office in Redondo Beach once he rents an apartment in the City and then move out after being elected; felt it is difficult to hold someone to residency.

There were no other public comments.

The motion carried 4-1, by voice vote. Councilmember Nehrenheim was opposed.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-2412-120.

**N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION - None**

**O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Witzansky reported there will be a City Council meeting next Tuesday, which will be the final meeting of 2024 and addressed City Hall Holiday closures.

**P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None**

**Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Councilmember Kaluderovic requested a BRR on landscaping along the frontage median on Prospect.

Mayor Light announced he will be out December 18, 2024 through January 2, 2025.

**R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

City Manager Witzansky announced that Council will go into Closed Session to consider Items No. R.9 and R.13.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Items R.9 and R.13.

**R.9. 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:**

**208 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 King Harbor Marina (a portion of APN: 7503-003-900)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Allen Ginsburg - Majestic KHM, LLC**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Lease Terms**

**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**R.13. 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**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Council Member Nehrenheim, to adjourn the open meeting at 8:42 p.m. into Closed Session.

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Kaluderovic reconvened to Open Session at 10:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Loewenstein, Nehrenheim,  
Mayor Pro Tem Kaluderovic

Councilmembers Absent: Behrendt, Obagi, Mayor Light

City Attorney Webb announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:01 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. , to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to held at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo

Beach, California.

Motion carried, 3-0-2. Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt were absent. Mayor Light was absent.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

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*Eleanor Manzano*  
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Eleanor Manzano, CMC  
City Clerk