Minutes
City of Redondo Beach – Regular Meeting
Budget & Finance Commission
Thursday, July 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSION – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Budget and Finance Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Woodham, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Marin, Jeste, Allen, Turner, Chair Woodham
Commissioners Absent:	Ramcharan, Sherbin
Officials Present:	Eugene Solomon, City Treasurer Stephanie Meyer, Finance Director Jacob Kamsvaag, Administrative Analyst/Liaison

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Jeste, to approve the order of the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Ramcharan and Sherbin were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Budget and Finance Commission Meeting

Administrative Analyst Kamsvaag reported no Blue Folder items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REGULAR BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 9, 2026

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSION OF JUNE 11, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Marin, seconded by Commissioner Jeste, to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Ramcharan and Sherbin were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Administrative Analyst Kamsvaag reported no one online and no eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. CITY TREASURER'S THIRD QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 REPORT

City Treasurer Eugene Solomon reported that Rick Phillips from Meeder Investments and Nilesh Mehta were joining him that evening to help with the investment reports presentation; reviewed what the 25-26 Treasurer's Quarterly Admin Report covered, noted that they were attached to the Commission's agenda item; stated that they would review investment reporting objectives and guidelines, policy compliance, quarterly performance, cash flow analysis, maturity distribution, and fiscal impact during the PowerPoint presentation that evening; reminded the Commission that the City's key investment objectives for municipal investing from the City Treasurer are to maintain the City's cash flow, while earning a competitive rate of return on investments within the constraints of the City's investment policy and state law; stated the primary concerns are safety, liquidity, and yield; stated that they always need to remember that it is the community's money and they must act in a responsible stewardship capacity, and their objective is to earn a reasonable rate of return on the City's investments while preserving capital in the overall portfolio; reviewed why failures in investing occur and the questions investment managers should ask themselves; noted that it is the job of the staff to make the investment reports readable and understandable and that the City's portfolio should not be complex; provided a slide with the listing of the City's Policy Compliance status, noted that they have an ongoing issue where the Corporate Issuer Concentration shows "noncompliant" but that the City is in compliance; explained that the issue has to do with some factor or feature of Clearwater and they have confirmed with state agencies that they are in compliance; provided a slide with the City's 25-26 Performance and reported that the City's total investment is $77,897,000; showed that the concentration of the City's money is in banks, in CAMP, the City's local agency investment fund, the City's commercial paper, and the City's corporate notes.

Commissioner Marin commented that it looked like there was a large increase in LAIF.

City Treasurer Solomon agreed; stated that they interchange money from CAMP and LAIF, depending on who is outperforming, in order to stay liquid, but maintain a competitive and reasonable rate of return.

Chair Woodham stated that he could not explain what LAIF and CAMP are to someone; asked if there was a glossary attached to staff's report that would explain the details of LAIF and CAMP; suggested a one pager to explain each would be helpful.

City Treasurer Solomon responded that they invest differently and have different holdings; stated he would ask LAIF and CAMP to provide a summary of their investments.

Chair Woodham clarified that he wanted to understand what they invest in, why the City is using them, and background information.

City Treasurer Solomon noted that LAIF has their own internal investment policies with regard to percentages they can make available to them but asked Nilesh or Rick to respond with more detail.

Rick Phillips stated that the basic difference between LAIF and CAMP is that CAMP has shorter durations, about 40 to 60 days, but has more credit exposure and LAIF runs longer, 250 days, but has hardly any credit exposure; summarized that it is a duration differential and a credit differential; noted since the fed funds rate has come down over the last few years, LAIF has a higher yield than CAMP at the moment; stated that they could write a couple paragraphs just to explain the general differences.

City Treasurer Solomon confirmed that what Rick Phillips provided was satisfactory.

Chair Woodham said it was and asked if the City would ever get to a point where they had enough investment in LAIF to be in danger of exceeding their commitment guidelines to something like commercial paper.

City Treasurer Solomon responded that they have a great deal of latitude with LAIF, but that CAMP is limited to 20% of the total portfolio; stated it is unlikely the City would reach a threshold where they are exceeding their investment policy guideline with LAIF.

Commissioner Marin asked the City Treasurer if the amount of cash on hand was in line with what he anticipated at the end of the 3rd quarter for the City.

City Treasurer Solomon responded that it is tracking historically, and they will see more inflow in the 4th quarter or next report since they will receive the City's property taxes.

Discussion followed regarding last year's drawdowns that were experienced.

Chair Woodham asked City Treasurer Solomon how he and staff get comfortable with the returns they are getting on a month to month and quarter to quarter basis and do they have a peer group that they compare themselves to.

City Treasurer Solomon responded that they have a benchmark that he showed in his presentation; explained that every portfolio is different, every city is different with their cash flow needs and investment needs, and some of what they see in the City's portfolio is a product of what they did five years ago; used the City's $10 million note coming due in January 2027 as an example to explain how he and staff analyze, look for opportunities for a swap, make decisions to go out longer or shorter, discuss with the Commission, etc. but keep in mind that safety and liquidity are their primary concerns; summarized the answer to Chair Woodham's question that they are reconfiguring and analyzing it on a regular basis; continued with his presentation; stated that the City's interest earned year-to-date is $1,699,108 for 25-26 and compared that to $1,604,265 for the same quarter in 24-25; reported that they are obtaining more performance in the City's yield to the General Fund and to their pooled cash with fewer assets under management; provided a slide with the Cash Flows Analysis information and explained their drawdowns in August and September; provided a slide with the Sector Allocation, which consisted of: LGIP, U.S. Agencies, U.S. Treasuries, Corporate Bonds, and Money Market Funds; stated they have not seen any great benefit in taking more credit risk and going out for more corporate bonds so they have been more focused on Agencies and Treasuries when they can reinvest; reported that the City had an opportunity to go out and put some funds into three and five year venues so the Commission will see that in the next report; provided a slide titled Fiscal Impact and reported interest earned to date is $1,699,108, General Fund contribution rate is 60%, and the remainder is going to the City's pooled cash; reported that they budgeted and targeted a $1.5 million contribution from the City's investment earnings to go to the General Fund.

Chair Woodham referenced the Fiscal Impact slide and highlighted that the General Fund always owns 60% interest in their portfolio and argued that it can't always be 60% because it varies from time to time.

City Treasurer Solomon deferred Nilesh Mehta to speak on the 60% allocation and the remainder to pooled cash.

Nilesh Mehta stated that it is approximately 60%, since it does fluctuate, and the remaining 40% is allocated to the City's other funds; provided an example to help explain their methodology, noted that it may not always be the case due to fluctuations in the interest rates.

Finance Director Stephanie Meyer explained that when staff do the interest allocation, they look at the total fund and each fund's percentage of the total assets, and then they allocate accordingly, based on actuals; stated that the actual may not be 60% but it will be close.

Chair Woodham understood the explanation; suggested that they use the term "approximately 60%" because when he read it, he felt it implied it is always 60%.

Nilesh Mehta pointed out that the slide had "approximately".

Commissioner Allen explained a standard procedure or process used by other municipalities for their monthly staff reports that calculate how much comes from interest but noted that the Accounting Department would handle that using Finance Department numbers.

City Treasurer Solomon said they could coordinate that on a quarterly basis with Finance.

Chair Woodham stated it would be helpful on a quarterly or annual basis to look at who owns what percent of the City's $70 or $80 million portfolio, noted that he has raised that point before.

City Treasurer Solomon stated staff could have something reflected for the Commission at the next quarterly report.

Administrative Analyst Kamsvaag reported no one online and no eComments.

Chair Woodham stated they needed a motion to accept the minutes on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Jeste, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the minutes from June 11, 2026.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Ramcharan and Sherbin were absent.

Motion by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Jeste, to accept and file the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Ramcharan and Sherbin were absent.

J.2. DISCUSSION REGARDING SENDING A LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT

J.3. DISCUSSION REGARDING SENDING A LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE CIP PROCESS

Chair Woodham stated both J.2 and J.3 are items they have left on the agenda to remind them that the letters need to be written.

Commissioner Allen noted she had promised to write them but has not had the time to do so yet.

Chair Woodham said they will keep them on the agenda as a reminder for the next meeting.

Administrative Analyst Kamsvaag reported no eComments and no one on Zoom for J.2 or J.3.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS - None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Marin, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioners Ramcharan and Sherbin were absent.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Budget & Finance Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 13, 2026, 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:

Stephanie Meyer
Finance Director