



REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION – 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Edwards (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Garcia, Huynh, Hwang, Lwin, Mow, Ozkan, Vice Chair Ramcharan and Chair Reeds

Commissioners Absent: Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei and Weiss

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle O'Connor, Recreation, Youth, Senior & Family Services Manager
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Dana Vinke, Library Director
Lisa Winter, Youth Services Librarian

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Reeds led in the Salute to the Flag.

Commissioner Edwards arrived at 6:31 p.m.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Weiss were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - None

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 2, 2026

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Weiss were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced City Manager Mike Witzansky and deferred to him for a presentation.

City Manager Witzansky presented details of the City's Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget that will soon be presented to the City Council and requested input from the Youth Commission regarding Commission-related budget suggestions to present to Council.

Discussion followed regarding the largest item within the budget and City Manager Witzansky noted that labor/personnel expenses are the biggest budget item (70% of the total budget); addressed maintenance obligations and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP); talked about allocating money to the Teen Center for this fiscal year, as well as purchases and accomplishments related to teens.

In response to a question from the Commission regarding a letter submitted by the Youth Commission for strategic planning purposes, City Manager Witzansky noted the letter

involved suggestions for items to add in the City's Strategic Plan and not suggestions for the budget and reported the Strategic Plan sets objectives and goals the City wants to accomplish.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reviewed the letter and listed the suggestions including to revitalizing the pier including art and merchants for younger audiences, eBike safety, creating memorabilia for the World Cup and Olympic Games, and support for continued mental health services.

Discussion followed regarding City revenues in connection with leasing public spaces, license agreements and fees, park and school properties, property taxes, TOT, sales taxes, utility user taxes, facilities, and special events.

Continuing discussion pertained to the possibility of holding events in connection with the upcoming World Cup and Olympic Games, the status of the Seaside Lagoon project, partnerships with nonprofits and other organizations such as Alcove.

There no public comments on this item.

City Manager Witzansky noted the City is proud of the work of the Youth Commission and thanked the group.

J.2. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM THE LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REGARDING YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE REDONDO BEACH LIBRARIES

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced Library Director Dana Vinke and Youth Services Librarian Lisa Winter and deferred to them for a report.

Library Director Vinke narrated a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the Redondo Beach Library Services Department and its operations. He addressed the Mission Statement, Library history, branches, departments, operations, statistics, the mobile Library application, amenities, and thanked the Friends of the Redondo Beach Library for their help.

Discussion followed regarding challenges including a limited budget, sources of funding, expanding ways to help, policies related to acquiring books, developing the library's book collection, and State Park passes.

Youth Services Librarian Winter narrated a PowerPoint presentation with specific details of the Teen Services Division including monthly teen programs, the Teen Advisory Council, and volunteer opportunities.

Discussion followed regarding promoting programs and events, participation in teen programs, working in collaboration with the Youth Commission, and the Summer Reading Program.

The Chair invited public comments.

Naomi Willowan spoke about people misusing the Library study rooms by yelling and shouting and mentioned the need to monitor.

There were no other public comments.

Library Director Vinke encouraged users to report problems so that staff can address those issues and make it a quiet and pleasant experience for everyone.

Brief discussion followed regarding addressing safety issues and enforcing Rules of Conduct.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the presentation.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Weiss were absent.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S UPCOMING PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding development of a presentation from the Youth Commission to City Council at an upcoming meeting. She addressed the Municipal Code, the Youth Commission's duties and purpose, and asked the Commission to choose a representative to present at the City Council meeting and to develop items/points it wishes to communicate to Council. Additionally, she summarized the Youth Commission's discussions including eBikes, Subcommittees, Transit Services and Financial Services; mentioned its Strategic Plan objectives, and reported that the Code requires two presentations to Council and that staff is envisioning the second one would happen later in the year.

Discussion followed regarding highlighting the items in the Strategic Plan, addressing the Teen Center, providing statistics and data regarding successes with the Teen Center, the maximum number of allowed presenters, staff's availability to help develop the presentation and script, communicating the Commission's goals involving mental health, improving transit services and public transportation, website updates and expansions, and including support for library programs.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported that the presentation should be given during one of City Council's May meetings and noted that creation of a subcommittee is not necessary as staff will provide support with the presentation.

Discussion followed regarding scheduling the presentation for the City Council meeting of May 19, 2026.

Chairperson Reeds volunteered to represent the Youth Commission and give the presentation.

It was suggested that other Commission members attend in order to support the presenter.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta spoke about helping to balance the number of presenters and speakers. She confirmed that Chairperson Reeds and Commissioners Lwin, Chabot, and Ozkan will be the presenters.

Discussion followed regarding mentioning the development of memorabilia for the upcoming World Cup and Olympic events, presenting data regarding other youth-related events/facilities and showing solidarity and collaboration.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, and approved by voice vote, to present to City Council, on May 19, 2026, with presenters being Chairperson Reeds and Commissioners Lwin, Chabot, and Ozkan, and the items for the presentation including those outlined in the Strategic Plan letter; the Teen Center and the subcommittee work, including statistics for participation at the Teen Center; eBikes, including statistics applicable to Redondo Beach, transit services and recommendations and follow-up items from that presentation; library programs; and memorabilia for the World Cup and Olympics.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that she will communicate with the presenters and send an email to Youth Commission members with information about the City Council meeting.

J.4. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM SUBCOMMITTEES - None

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

J.5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported that the 2026-27 Youth Commission applications are now being accepted. She asked that any current Commissioner not wanting to continue serving (apart from Seniors who will no longer serve as they will be graduating) to let her know.

Deputy Director Orta polled the Commission noting that the next regular meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026, but that it was recently brought to the City's attention that there is an event for graduating Seniors on that date and stated that the meeting can be held if at least seven non-senior members attend. Otherwise, the Commission could reschedule it to either June 1st or 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, and approved by voice vote, to reschedule the next meeting of the Youth Commission to June 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei and Weiss, were absent.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. to a Special meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California.

The motion carried, 11-0-4. Commissioners Cho, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Weiss were absent.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director