

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH  
HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, April 13, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION – 6:30 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Harbor Commission was held at the City of Redondo Beach City Council Chambers and was called to order by Chair Abelman at 6:30 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Tom Bauer, Roger Carlson, Leslie Chrzan, Lee Coller, Lisa Falk, Jamie Waryck, Chair Ryan Abelman

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

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Carlson led in the salute to the flag.

**D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried, 7-0-0.

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

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

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck reported there were no Blue Folder Items for tonight's meeting.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2026**

## **F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

Commissioner Chrzan offered a change to the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting, under Item N, to state that she challenged the staff to consider how streets are being reopened to a gradual opening to mimic the race course.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Chrzan, seconded by Commissioner Falk and approved by voice vote, Item No. F.2, as amended.

The motion carried, 7-0-0.

Motion by Commissioner Waryck, seconded by Commissioner Falk and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended.

The motion carried, 7-0-0.

## **G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**

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

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

Chair Abelman invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

## **I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None**

## **J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None**

## **L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

### **L.1. DISCUSSION AND INPUT TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING PREPARATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET**

City Manager Witzansky offered to respond to questions from the Commission and obtain input to present to City Council before it considers the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and opened the floor for questions and discussions.

Commissioner Carlson commented on developing a wish list, typically, not involving a lot of money and in response to his question, City Manager Witzansky reported that staff is still working on core revenue and expenditure estimates and should have some information on soon; mentioned the Harbor Commission focusing on Uplands and Tidelands funds,

specifically; addressed impacts to the funds, revenue increases in parking and special events and availability of funding this year.

Commissioner Carlson declared his priorities involve Moonstone Park and a better launching facility for Lanakila and asked about the needs of the Harbor Patrol.

Commissioner Bauer commented positively on accomplishments and improvements in the Harbor; agreed with the need to consider Moonstone Park and suggested adding EV charging infrastructure to the wish list.

Commissioner Chrzan asked about possible funding gaps for projects in progress and City Manager Witzansky mentioned a grant received for repairing the dock system in Basin 3; provided an update of the project including procurement requirements and stated staff is trying a way to scope the project within the funding allocation. He addressed Phase 1 of the Seaside Lagoon project and budget limitations but believed the City will have a successful project.

Commissioner Collier agreed with Moonstone Park needing attention; talked about ensuring there is enough funding for the Harbor Patrol and a dedicated Harbor Master; suggested increasing public education and outreach and suggested keeping an eye on the Amenities Plan to see how it can move forward.

Commissioner Falk indicated the stalled sewer project on Yacht Club Way was a priority and City Manager Witzansky provided an update and explained the funding for the project is part of the Waste Water fund and believed there will be enough funding for it.

Commissioner Falk mentioned the breakwater along Yacht Club Way and in response to her questions, City Manager Witzansky explained the involvement of the Army Corps of Engineers and the City in its repair and talked about funding challenges to repair all of the Harbor infrastructure.

Commissioner Waryck spoke about the importance of having Harbor Patrol staffed, funded and equipped as much as possible in addition to maintaining open communication.

Chair Abelman agreed with the need to fund Harbor Patrol and added that focus should also be given to continued improvements in safety and patrol.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the Waterfront Education facility, cement walls and caps in the south basin and repairs to other basins.

Chair Abelman invited public comments.

Steve Haigh talked about raising revenue from car shows; mentioned having no engagement from the City and spoke about other revenue raising opportunities that the City is missing.

There were no other public comments.

## **L.2. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION HELD ON MARCH 31, 2026**

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck presented a report with an overview and update of the recent City Council Strategic Planning Session held March 31, 2026. She addressed the Strategic Plan matrix, priority areas, goals, enhancing the waterfront, next steps for reviewing marina parking for the LCP and projects carried over to the next planning cycle.

Discussion followed regarding developing the new Strategic Plan matrix for the next fiscal year and removing the former Gold's Gym site from the Tidelands.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck addressed Priority Area 5 relative to the LCP update and a related grant and goals for other parts of the City.

Discussion followed regarding identification of suitable land to swap for the former Gold's Gym site, changes in staffing and the importance of all of the items listed in the Strategic Plan.

There were no public comments on this item.

Commissioner Carlson pointed out that this discussion will be in the minutes and stated that the "meat" of the Strategic Plan will occur during City Council meetings in a couple of weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Coller, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried, 7-0-0.

## **M. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

### **M.1. LIAISON'S REPORT**

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck announced that she is serving as the Interim W.E.D. Director and addressed the recruitment process and length; talked about the public boat launch project, the Basin 3 grant, the LCP amendment, the courtesy dock, the breakwater repair project and the former Fun Factory site; reported the City received a supplemental grant for \$25,000 for the SAVE 25 program and mentioned the Marine Mammal Care Center.

Discussion followed regarding that state of the Fun Factory structure and space, improvements in the pier parking structure and the courtesy dock gate.

There were no public comments.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck addressed upcoming agenda items and an upcoming application by the owners of the Maison Ritz.

## **N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS**

Commissioner Chrzan commented the status of L.A. County Beaches and Harbors placing sand on City beaches, particularly regarding the grain size and studies and asked about a study from the National Park Service (NPS). In response to her question, Interim W.E.D. Director Buck noted the NPS is doing public outreach and spoke with representatives from the City and that the City Manager's Office is currently working on a response to making areas of the waterfront into a national park. She added that City Council will be considering the item at a meeting in May.

**O. ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Chrzan, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The motion carried, 7-0-0.

Chair Abelman adjourned the meeting noting the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 11, 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:

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Katherine Buck  
Interim W.E.D. Director