



Minutes Redondo Beach City
Council Tuesday, January 23, 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,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi, Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
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

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

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:32 p.m.

Analyst Villa listed items to be considered in Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to recess to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Attorney Mike Webb . There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, so ordered.

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

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:03 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi, Mayor Brand

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

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 of the City Council at 6:04 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 6:04 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, Nehrenheim,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi, Mayor Brand

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

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

D.1. PRESENTATION OF ANIMAL OXYGEN MASKS BY THE FRIENDS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DOG PARK TO THE REDONDO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein introduced Members of the Friends of the Redondo Beach Dog Park who presented animal oxygen masks to the Redondo Beach Fire Department (RBFD).

RBFD Chief Butler expressed his appreciation to the Friends of the Redondo Beach Dog Park and shared cases of animal rescues within the City.

Chief May spoke about the importance of pet safety and discussed pet rescue operations.

Chief Butler introduced Captain Hoff, one of the Fire Department's Dog Handlers and his dog, Pele, who is one of the Department's comfort/support dogs.

Gilbert Escontrias spoke about the work of the Friends of the Redondo Beach Dog Park, including community involvement, volunteerism and donations.

D.2. COMMENDATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DOG PARK FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein presented a Proclamation to Judy Robelotto for her work with the Redondo Beach Dog Park and announced her receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Joe Biden and a letter from the White House in recognition of 5,000 volunteer hours service.

Judy Robelotto commended the City Parks team for their help in maintaining the Dog Park.

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced the District 1 community meeting on February 10, 2024, at Alta Vista and reported that Supervisor Holly Mitchell will be the guest; spoke about a long legal dispute and thanked the community and the legal team for its support. In addition, he spoke about resolution of an embezzlement case and thanked those involved.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about attending the second Metro Green Line meeting hosted by Supervisor Holly Mitchell; thanked the Traffic Engineering team for installing the leading intervals at the intersections of Ralston Lane and Inglewood Avenue and Inglewood Avenue and 182nd Street and announced the District 3 community meeting will be held on January 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morrell House.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein congratulated Councilmember Nehrenheim and others for prevailing in the lawsuit and thanked City Manager Witzansky for attending the District 2 community meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein recognized and presented a Proclamation to Cindy Szerlip, Friends of the Redondo Beach Dog Park, along with a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Joe Biden and a letter from the White House in recognition of her volunteer hours service.

Cindy Szerlip discussed the creation and development of the Redondo Beach Dog Park.

City Council returned to Item No. J.1.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

City Manager Witzansky requested continuing Item No. H.14 to the first meeting in February.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended, continuing Item No. H.14 to the first City Council meeting in February 2024.

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

F. AGENCY RECESS – None

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

City Clerk Manzano reported Blue Folder Items include numerous public communications for Item No. J.1.

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

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

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 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. NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING B. DECEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. REGRETFULLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER SUSAN LAPIN FROM THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO POST THE VACANCY

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.5. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.6. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:

- 1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ZOHO CORPORATION TO RENEW LICENSING FOR HELPDESK SOFTWARE WITH IT ASSET MANAGEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,616 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**
- 2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS, LLC FOR THE MONSIDO TOOL TO SCAN THE CITY'S WEBSITE FOR BROKEN LINKS, MISSPELLINGS, AND ADA COMPLIANCE TO IMPROVE WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,727 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025, WITH THREE AUTOMATIC ONE-YEAR RENEWALS**

3. **APPROVE A SIGNATURE AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE AND REVISED TRUE LEASE SCHEDULE FOR DELL WORKSTATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 23, 2023 WITH DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC TO REVISE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE TO FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AND EXTEND THE TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2028 AT NO COST TO THE CITY**
4. **APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FOSTER & FOSTER CONSULTING ACTUARIES, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF AN ACTUARIAL VALUATION THAT IS REQUIRED EVERY TWO YEARS FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) AND GASB 75 REPORTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,500 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**
5. **APPROVE A RESERVIST LOCATION FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR USE OF THE AVIATION GYM DANCE ROOM FOR THE MARCH 5, 2024 PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 24, 2024 TO MARCH 5, 2024 AND FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 26, 2024 TO NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AT NO COST TO THE CITY**

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.7. This Item was pulled by Councilmember Nehrenheim for separate discussion.

H.8. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIDR TECH FOR CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$108,579.40 AND THE TERM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2029

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

H.9. APPROVE AN ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC., AN OREGON CORPORATION, FOR CIVIL AND TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 AND A TERM ENDING JANUARY 22, 2026

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.10. This Item was pulled by Councilmember Nehrenheim for separate discussion.

H.11. APPROVE ESCROW AGREEMENT NO. 2247 WITH TORO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE MONTHLY PROGRESS PAYMENTS' 5% RETENTION FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING – AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.12. APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR LEASE OF CANON COPIERS, PRINTERS, AND MANAGED PRINT SERVICES FROM CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC. TO REPLACE THE EXISTING CANON, DELL, AND LEXMARK COPY AND PRINT DEVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$288,881.30

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

H.13. This Item was pulled by Councilmember Nehrenheim for separate discussion.

H.14. APPROVE THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COVINGTON & BURLING, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND ADD THIS FIRM TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S APPROVED LAW FIRM LIST

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

This Item was continued during Order of the Agenda, to the first City Council meeting in February 2024.

H.15. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE TWELVE-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 30, 2023

CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER

Councilmember Nehrenheim pulled Agenda Item Nos. H.7, H.10, and H.13.

There were no public comments relating to the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented, except for Items No. H.7, H.10, and H.13, which were pulled for separate discussion and Item No. H.14, which was continued to the first meeting in February.

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

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H.7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH POWERPHONE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH SOFTWARE FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2026, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$41,404.30

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Councilmember Nehrenheim invited RBPd Chief Hoffman to the podium to speak about this item.

RBPd Chief Hoffman spoke about the EMD training involved with this item; referenced a Los Angeles County mandate; noted all Dispatch Supervisors and Communication Managers will receive the training; reported it includes three years of licensing and addressed benefits in terms of improving the level of service resulting in increases to the number of lives being saved and offered to respond to questions from Council.

RBFD Chief Butler spoke about the importance of being able to pull the right resources for the right type of calls and about the benefits of the new software and training.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by voice vote, AN AGREEMENT WITH POWERPHONE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH SOFTWARE FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2026, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$41,404.30.

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

H.10. REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE 1 PROJECT, JOB NO. 40510, AND DIRECT STAFF TO RE-BID THE PROJECT

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Councilmember Nehrenheim introduced the item and asked for a brief report.

Public Works Director Semaan reported this is an implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan for various facilities; noted it includes street improvements in specific locations and involves City-wide implementation; discussed the need for review and approval by Caltrans; addressed the issuance of an RFP and evaluation of bids; reported receiving notice from the contractors of an error in the bids and requesting their removal and recommended rejecting the three bids received and rebidding the project with the possibility of a modified scope to reduce costs.

Discussion followed regarding options for obtaining different funding sources and the added timeline for rebidding the project

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by voice vote, to REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE 1 PROJECT, JOB NO. 40510, AND DIRECT STAFF TO RE-BID THE PROJECT.

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

H.13. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TIERRA WEST ADVISORS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE CITY'S REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIT SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 TO JANUARY 22, 2025

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Councilmember Nehrenheim summarized the item and deferred to staff.

Assistant to the City Manager Hause noted that John Yonai, Chair and Principal of Tierra West Advisors, Inc., is in attendance and that he and she are available to respond to questions from City Council; reported no fee schedule has been developed yet, as costs to process applications have not been determined and addressed the term of the agreement.

Councilmember Nehrenheim had various questions for John Yonai. He responded to questions from City Councilmember Nehrenheim, as well as the other City Councilmembers. Mr. Yonai noted that he only works for public agencies; discussed the expected timelines for the various phases of the project; addressed minimizing legal liabilities, current successful cannabis projects, challenges with projects in Anaheim, Lynwood, Palo Alto and Cudahy and lessons learned and recommended moving forward with retail versus manufacturing. He commented on his company's capacity to recommend an appropriate cannabis tax; noted that a higher tax rate drives the illegal market; asserted he believes in doing things the right way and spoke about a delivery tax, the benefits of a blackout period, involving administrators/operators in the selection process and including a real estate component in the application.

City Attorney Webb addressed legal review of the agreement.

Councilmember Behrendt stated he would like a little more time to consider this to do additional vetting

and research and suggested continuing this item for two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this item.

Joan Irvine, District 1, spoke in favor of the item; urged City Council to not allow any more delays and suggested the consultant include people in the cannabis industry when doing community outreach and education and announced she will be providing cannabis education on her monthly radio show, "Your Best Life", on www.HealthyLife.net and in pop-up events in the near future. She suggested not including property requirements in the application and submitted documents for receipt and filing.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to receive and file documents submitted by Joan Irvine. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, so ordered.

Joan Irvine mentioned that illegal cannabis use by youth decreases with the implementation of legal cannabis; talked about public safety and looked forward to continuing to educate residents.

Robin Eisenberg spoke about the importance of including property requirements in the application and about ensuring public safety in the chosen locations.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to receive and file a grain of salt submitted by Robin Eisenberg. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, so ordered.

Devin Wardlow, Vice President, Public Affairs, Embark, via Zoom, spoke in support of the item; commended City leaders and staff for taking the necessary steps to bring cannabis retail into the City; hoped to apply in the future; asked that City Council direct the consultant to update the ordinance and selection process to require property as part of the overall application process; discussed ensuring neighborhood compatibility and noted in the majority of licensing processes in California, property is required. Additionally, she responded to questions from Council; listed cities in which they have obtained licenses and addressed challenges and the importance of cities being able to see a retailer's full picture.

Jonatan Cvetko, via Zoom, mentioned the City putting forward \$50,000 towards a previous consultant; noted City Council had directed the City Attorney to return with his assessment regarding changes to the ordinance and zoning safety and encouraged City Council to have those conversations and receive the City Attorney's opinion, first, to understand the entire scope of work.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving one eComment in support of the item.

There were no other public comments on this item.

City Attorney Webb reported reviewing the agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TIERRA WEST ADVISORS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE CITY'S REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIT SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 TO JANUARY 22, 2025.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file the report and direct staff to return, no later than the first meeting in February, 2024 with a contract to give the City Attorney more opportunity to review it, also directing that the scope of services be expanded to include, specifically, assistance with collecting taxes and advising the City on taxes with respect to

unauthorized deliveries in the City and himself, more time to vet.

Councilmember Obagi briefly left the meeting.

City Attorney Webb stated it would be helpful if the contract were entered into, prior to his report coming out.

Discussion followed regarding avoiding further delays in the process.

Councilmember Nehrenheim noted it would be difficult for the City Attorney to work with Tierra West without having a contract in place.

The Substitute motion failed with the following roll call vote:

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

Substitute motion failed, 2-2-1.

The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion failed, 2-2-1.

Councilmember Nehrenheim invited the consultant to the podium to respond to questions, including questions previously by Councilmember Behrendt.

John Yonai spoke about including a study of other municipalities and their tax rates and recommended adding hours within the scope for advisory services.

City Manager Witzansky offered to return with consideration of the matter at the February 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the consultant's hourly rate.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TIERRA WEST ADVISORS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE CITY'S REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIT SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 23, 2024 TO JANUARY 22, 2025, amended to add 20 hours (making it 40 hours, total) in the scope of services for information about the tax rates of other municipalities and delivery taxes.

The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic

ABSENT: Obagi
ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed, 2-2-1.

Councilmember Kaluderovic felt Councilmember Obagi should be in attendance for this matter and spoke in support of allowing additional time to study it.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to direct staff to return with a contract on February 6, 2024 with the scope of services amended to add 20 hours (making it 40 hours, total) for information about the tax rates of other municipalities and delivery taxes.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

City Council briefly returned to Agenda Item No. D.2 regarding presentation of proclamation.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Wayne Craig, President, Rescue Our Waterfront, spoke about the lawsuit with Center Cal that was recently resolved; thanked the legal team for its work; urged residents to go to www.rescueourwaterfront.org to help and addressed the intersection of Knob Hill and PCH asking the City to lengthen the timing of the traffic signal.

Joan Irvine, District 1, Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, spoke about the Fourth of July Fireworks Show on Avenue I; provided a brief history of the event; announced that they are searching for sponsors; invited residents to join them for the next Beach Sweep on February 3 at 9:00 a.m. and reported the possibility of holding the "First Saturday Sweep" event in July, on July 5, 2024, after the Fourth of July celebrations.

Ron Maroko spoke about the recent 75th Anniversary of the Redondo Beach Charter; discussed City Manager Witzansky serving as the CEO; talked about the Charter being a partnership between the residents and the City; addressed amendments to the Charter and invited the public to attend the upcoming Charter Committee meeting.

Niki Negrete Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmember Nehrenheim for offering to serve on the SBCOG and talked about a recent Metro Planning and Programming Committee meeting.

Holly Osborne, District 5, reported getting calls from people claiming to have an Energy Efficiency Program and questioned its validity and spoke about ensuring to see the parts that are not supposed to be seen, when touring the ROW.

Gregory McGinity spoke about the issue of setting a tax on cannabis sales in the City; suggested the tax should be set at 9%; discussed the damage that legalized cannabis will have on the community and especially, the youth; alleged increased cannabis use by youth in states where cannabis is legal and hoped City Council will do what it can to minimize the adverse public health risks of cannabis use.

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 A CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATED TO AN INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT A VOTING METHOD IN MARCH 2025

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

City Clerk Manzano presented details of the Administrative Report; offered her recommendation for certified ranked-choice voting; discussed other municipalities using ranked-choice voting and addressed voter outreach and education.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein spoke in support of ranked-choice voting; agreed with the City Clerk’s recommendations and felt Redondo Beach can learn a lot from cities that have already implemented it.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about the importance of voter outreach and education.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein suggested generating an education video for distribution, a webinar or town hall.

Councilmember Nehrenheim had many questions and expressed concerns raised by his constituents. He inquired about other options and options available within ranked choice voting. City Clerk Manzano responded to his inquiries and stated that she has provided information based on what is certified in the State of California, also that sample ordinances have been provided as information to the City Council. She is seeking for the City Council to select ranked choice voting and direct City Attorney to prepare ordinance which will be brought back to the City Council and have a discussion on research conducted from other cities.

The City Council made suggestions relating to voter outreach, such as prepare educational video, webinar, community town hall meeting, community meetings, partner with school district, etc.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested asking RBUHS students to hold a mock election using ranked-choice voting.

Councilmember Kaluderovic added that the matter could be considered by the Youth Commission.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving three eComments in support of the item.

There were no public comments.

The City Council made suggestions relating to voter outreach, such as prepare educational video, webinar, community town hall meeting, community meetings, partner with school district, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to direct City Attorney to work with the City Clerk to create an ordinance for Ranked Choice Voting to present to the City Council in April, in addition to a Voter Outreach Program with a Budget Response Report, and reach out to the School District.

City Attorney Webb stated that he will bring back in April, but not as an ordinance for first reading, rather for the City Council to discuss and consider substantive issues and make policy decisions, and he provided examples.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3268-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2-9.704 OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 2 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb presented details of the Administrative Report.

Councilmember Nehrenheim observed that by naming an association prevents future growth; noted there is no transparent process defined as to how the nominees were chosen and who was chosen to be on the Mayor's list and suggested changing Section B to indicate that, "One member may be selected from a list of names submitted by any Harbor Association. The Mayor may select one member as an at-large member," and striking the last paragraph.

City Attorney Webb suggested making it general and noted that all of the positions must be approved by the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Mark Hansen, via Zoom, urged City Council to consider the input of area businesses and boat owners and spoke about qualifications for Harbor Commissioner being more stringent than for other commissions.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to **INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3268-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2-9.704 OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 2 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION** as amended, changing Section B to indicate that, "One member may be selected from a list of names submitted by any Harbor Association. The Mayor may select one member as an at-large member," and striking the last paragraph.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

City Clerk Manzano read the title to Ordinance No. 3268-24.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEM

City Manager Witzansky reported there is no City Council meeting scheduled for January 31, 2024; announced an upcoming Charter Review Advisory Committee Meeting and an upcoming General Plan Advisory Committee meeting.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced a list of names of permits posted in the “Easy Reader”; requested that it be included in the audit; expressed concerns regarding unclaimed property and liability; offered to work with Public Works Director Semaan; asked about the Harbor Sailing Program and about the Employee Wellness Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein asked that staff look at the intersection of Anita and PCH in terms of lane striping and signal timing and about Knob Hill and PCH.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to direct the City Attorney to create a contract for employee review with MRG Services.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 4-0-1.

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

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT

T. ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 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 6, 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:

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Eleanor Manzano

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City Clerk