

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, May 11, 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 Vice Chair Coller at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Chair Ryan Abelman

Officials Present: Katherine Buck, Interim W.E.D. Director
Dave Charabee, Senior Management Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Bauer led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried, 6-0-1, with Chair Abelman, absent.

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 that staff received one Blue Folder Item related to Item No. M.1.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 13, 2026

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

The motion carried, 6-0-1, with Chair Abelman, absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Vice Chair Collier 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. LEASING OVERVIEW OF PIER AND HARBOR PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE CITY

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck introduced Leasing Agent Brian Campbell and deferred to him for a presentation.

Leasing Agent Campbell presented the Waterfront Leasing Quarterly Update and shared updates on recent activities in the Waterfront. He addressed the economy from a macro standpoint down to the South Bay area and focusing in on leased waterfront properties. The PowerPoint presentation included a market report, the office leasing market, Pier Plaza, the retail leasing market, rental rates in Pier Plaza, the restaurant leasing market, consumer spending and economic outlook and key takeaways.

He continued with his presentation and focused on the Beach Cities/Palos Verdes Retail Submarket Report; discussed the need to be flexible in order to compete, geography and character, market conditions and outlook, rental analysis, a full weekend impact report for the BeachLife Festival (baseline weekend vs. BeachLife weekend) including a trade area reach,

demographic overview, economic impact analysis, and key findings from BeachLife Festival 2026 compared with BeachLife Festival 2025.

Discussion followed regarding the Kite Festival, geofenced areas and dwell times.

Discussion followed regarding the importance of generating income on the pier, sharing the data with the Pier and Harbor Association and other groups and creating larger geofencing for data collection.

Leasing Agent Campbell continued presenting information with an overview of other events including car show weekends; reported the Summer Concert Series and other events will be tracked and used to continue attracting events.

Discussion followed regarding availability of information regarding how businesses fared during the studied events, working with other groups and associations for developing events/festivals, benefits to local businesses, being able to see how other leaseholds are doing, sending a link of the meeting video and data to the Pier Association and obtaining information regarding what other pier associations are doing (i.e., San Pedro Pier Association).

Additional discussion pertained to Pier Plaza, disseminating information to associations and businesses, working with Community Services, streamlining the special event permit process, and opportunities to partner with the High School marketing group or El Camino College to generate event ideas.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck added that the BeachLife Festival rents all of the City moorings.

Vice Chair Collier invited public comments.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater, spoke about the importance of the information provided; suggested that such information be attached to agendas in future meetings, noting the information was not available to the public until now; asked to send the information to the King Harbor Association; acknowledged that more events are needed in the Harbor such as the reintroduction of Sea Fair, a Market Hall and others.

Senior Management Analyst Charabee reported receiving one eComment in support of filling the former Fun Factory space.

There were no other public comments.

Commissioner Falk noted that Mr. Campbell does not produce the information but rather has a subscription to a service through a licensing agreement and may be limited in terms of distributing the information.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck reported that the information will be added to the meeting record.

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

The motion carried, 6-0-1, with Chair Abelman, absent.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

M.1. LIAISON'S REPORT

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck provided an overview of the recent BeachLife Festival; specifically addressed a swatting call on Sunday; discussed recruitment for a vacancy in the Harbor Commission and presented updates on the Hand Launch project, the International Boardwalk, the Public Boat Launch project, the Basin 2 HUD grant application, the LCP Amendment and upcoming kickoff meeting for stakeholders, the Breakwater Repair project, the former Fun Factory site, and SAVE 25. Additionally, she noted that she will be absent from the June 2026 Harbor Commission meeting.

Vice Chair Collier invited public comments.

Mark Hansen announced that the Cure Cancer Regatta is scheduled for July 11, 2026; referenced the Public Amenities Plan specifically regarding dinghy parking and asked whether the space is still available.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck responded affirmatively and pointed out the location.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and approved by voice vote, to cancel the June 2026 Harbor Commission meeting.

The motion carried, 6-0-1, with Chair Abelman, absent.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Chrzan mentioned City Council's discussion of Seaside Lagoon and expressed concerns that there was no Harbor representation.

Interim W.E.D. Director Buck discussed the involvement of the Waterfront and Economic Development Department and reported it is now under the lead of the Community Services Department and W.E.D. is a supporting department. She offered to provide an update at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned that Harbor Patrol was working the First Aid booth at BeachLife and asked to know more about the matter as to him, it is a budget issue. Additionally, he talked about a Shark Lab buoy in the Harbor and referenced a shark incident off the Manhattan Beach pier several years ago which led to the resulting ban on shark fishing there. He mentioned that any move toward stricter pier fishing restrictions (such as required lighter-weight gear) would likely need to come through his own outreach to City Council.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Chrzan, seconded by Commissioner Waryck, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The motion carried, 6-0-1, with Chair Abelman, absent.

Vice Chair Coller adjourned the meeting noting the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on July 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:

Katherine Buck
Interim W.E.D. Director