



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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 Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Obagi (arrived at 4:31 p.m.), Mayor Light

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Melissa Villa, Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None

Analyst Villa reported there were no Blue Folder Items.

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Analyst Villa announced there were no public communications on Closed Session Items and Non-Agenda Items.

Councilmember Obagi arrived at 4:31 p.m.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 4:34 p.m.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, Seaside Lagoon, and California Surf Club 239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Price and Terms

- F.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

Brian Campbell, BC Urban

PROPERTY:

121 W. Torrance Blvd., Suite 201, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7505-002-908)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Sonia Choi, Theo Insurance Services, Inc.

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

Brian Campbell, BC Urban

PROPERTY:

115 W. Torrance Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7505-002-908)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Wallis Laughrey, Voyager Technologies, Inc.

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Lease Status, Price, and Terms

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director

PROPERTY:

309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Made by Meg - Meg Walker

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of Case:

Barker, Debra vs. City of Redondo Beach; VLMD LLC dba Abrazzi Med Spa; Abrazzi Aesthetics; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive

Case Number: 21STCV38177

- F.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of Case:

Brimer III, Alan Anthony, individually and as successor-interest to Kyle Alan Brimer (deceased); Brimer, Kristina Lynn, individually and as successor-interest to Kyle Alan Brimer (deceased) v. City of Redondo Beach; Remy Huyen Thi Dang, an individual and Does 1-100, Inclusive

Case Number: 25TRCV00507

- F.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of Case:

Labono, Greg v. City of Redondo Beach and Does 1-10, Inclusive

Case Number: 25TRCV00715

- F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The**

**Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Name of Case: Sixt Rent A Car, LLC (served as Doe 1) and John Emerson (served as Doe 2) v. City of Redondo Beach and Roes 1-50, Inclusive
Case Number: 24TRCV01259**

Analyst Villa read title to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

Councilmember Nehrenheim arrived 4:33 p.m.

City Manager Witzansky announced that the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Senior Deputy City Attorney Joy Ford, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich, Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause, Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta, Deputy City Attorney Cristine Shin, Outside Leasing Agent Brian Campbell and Outside Legal Counsel Alexander Frank.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and carried by voice vote, to recess to Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 6:13 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Witzansky, City Manager

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky reported that under Item No. F.5, Outside Legal Counsel Joshua Robert Dale joined in Closed Session and under Items No. F.6 and F.8, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden joined in and noted that additionally, City Council authorized the City Attorney and his office, to defend the City and the matters listed under Items No. F.6, F.7 and F.8.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and carried by voice vote, to adjourn to the regular meeting at 6:14 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0.

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 6:14 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Laura Diaz, Records Mgmt. Coordinator/Sr.
Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Light invited Veterans and Active Military to stand and recognized them for their service.

Paula, Senior at Redondo Union High School, led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/AB 1234 TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORTS

Item D.3 was presented before Items D.1 and D.2.

D.1. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY TO CITY EMPLOYEE DIANE AMAYA FOR HER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE

On behalf of Council, Mayor Light presented the Key to the City to Transit Senior Management Analyst, Diane Amaya for her 36 years of service; he summarized her many years of employment with the City.

Community Services Director Hause commented on Diane Amaya's service and hard work.

D.2. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 31, 2025 AS CESAR CHAVEZ DAY IN REDONDO BEACH

On behalf of Council, Mayor Light presented a proclamation declaring March 31, 2025 as Cesar Chavez Day in Redondo Beach.

Mayor Light invited Paula Valenzuela to the podium and spoke about her participation in the State Seal of Civic Engagement Award Program; listed the requirements needed for her to qualify for this award.

Paula Valenzuela explained her project on Cesar Chavez Day and its outcome; thanked Mayor Light, Council and the City for the proclamation.

Molly Lower, Assistant Principal at RUHS, State Seal of Civic Engagement Award Program Coordinator, expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

Mayor Light presented Paula Valenzuela with a commendation; stated how impressed he was with her presentation.

D.3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

On behalf of Council, Mayor Light presented a proclamation declaring March 2025 as Women's History Month and gave some background on Women's History Month.

Teri Cannon, Redondo Beach Women's Club, thanked the City for the proclamation on behalf of all the women in the City.

Mayor Light announced the temporary closure of Dominguez Park playground due to activities of the L.A. County Department of Health; mentioned a recent sea lion release of four sea lions rescued in Redondo Beach; thanked the City Clerk and her staff for managing the recent election; reported he will start his vacation tomorrow but will be back before the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Nehrenhiem thanked Public Works for their work on Palos Verdes Boulevard and Avenue I and the installation of bike lanes.

Councilmember Loewenstein congratulated Mayor Light and Councilmember Obagi on their re-election, new Councilmembers Brad Waller and Chadwick Castle and new City Attorney Joy Ford for their victories. Additionally, he thanked all who ran but did not win and recognized that running for office is a tough thing to do; announced his last District 2 community meeting/celebration will be at the Main Library, second floor, at 5:30 p.m. on March 20, 2025. He reported this will be his last full City Council meeting and thanked everyone for their support all these years.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the Executive Committee for Regional

Homeless Alignment Meeting regarding Measure A; announced the District 3 community meeting next Tuesday, on Zoom, at 6:00 p.m. and echoed the congratulations.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim for their years of service; congratulated the winners and thanked those who ran; announced the District 4 community meeting, March 26th at 6:00 p.m., at Michael's Café on Artesia Boulevard. Additionally, he referenced Slide 2B and announced the launch of the Street Sweeping Enforcement Information System and showed the public how to access it on the City's website. In addition, he shared a story illustrating how things get done in the City when everyone works together.

Councilmember Behrendt announced the farewell event on April 1st at 3:30 p.m., Main Library, second floor, to thank and wish farewell to outgoing Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim and City Attorney Mike Webb; thanked the City Clerk and her staff for their work in the recent election, noting it was the first in L.A. County history, where Ranked Choice Voting was successfully implemented. Additionally, he announced an in-person, District 5 community meeting on April 16th, which is open to the entire City and where Mayor Light will be a guest.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

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 for Item No. H.2 and N.1.

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

The motion carried 5-0.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2025

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: NONE**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS**

CHECKS 30145-30156 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,385.83, PD. 3/14/25

DIRECT DEPOSIT 292060-292689 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,362,475.46, PD. 3/14/25

EFT/ACH \$462,624.89, PD. 3/24/25 (PP2505)

EFT/ACH \$134,611.68, PD. 3/24/25

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 118464-118693 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,244,557.39

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:**

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES LLC FOR CONTINUED SERVICE AS THE CITY'S BROKER FOR DENTAL, VISION, LIFE AND OTHER ANCILLARY BENEFIT PLANS AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027

2. APPROVE REVISED LANGUAGE IN SECTION III OF EXHIBIT C FOR THE AGREEMENT WITH CASHEL, INC. DBA INTEGRATED MEDIA SYSTEMS WITH NO CHANGE TO THE COMPENSATION OR TERM APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 11, 2025 FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER AND LIBRARY AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, LICENSING AND REPAIR

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.6. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-011, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT TO KASA CONSTRUCTION, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,454,853 FOR THE NORTH REDONDO BEACH BIKEWAY EXTENSION PROJECT, JOB NO. 41250**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.7. APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR**

CONSULTING SERVICES WITH NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CHTD, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$161,970, FOR A NEW NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL OF \$715,720, TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.8. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-016, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO FIRSTSTEPS FOR KIDS, INC.**

APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH FIRSTSTEPS FOR KIDS, INC. FOR A MONTHLY MINIMUM RENT OF \$12,886 AND THE TERM MARCH 18, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2030

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.9. ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTES AND TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-015 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$128,000 FROM UNALLOCATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE, OFFSET BY EVENT SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENTS, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE 2025 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.10. APPROVE A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT AMENDING THE JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF "MOTOR" OFFICER PAY TO "MOTORCYCLE" OFFICER PAY TO ACCOMMODATE A REQUEST FROM CALPERS**

CONTACT: DIANE STRICKFADEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- H.11. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2024 GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

CONTACT: MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.12. INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3292-25 AN ORDINANCE OF**

**THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2,
CHAPTER 4 SECTION 2-4.01 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE
PERTAINING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

CONTACT: PATRICK BUTLER, FIRE CHIEF

- H.13. APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WAIVER APPLICATION
SUBMITTED BY PABLA MARKETING INC. REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION
FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES
ESTABLISHED IN REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6-1.22,
AS PER SECTION 6-1.08 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE,
FOR ITS HOLI & THE BEACH 2025 EVENT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29-30,
2025 AT THE SEASIDE LAGOON**

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.14. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion, by
Councilmember Nehrenheim, to be heard grouped with H.15 and H.16.**
- H.15. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion, by
Councilmember Nehrenheim, to be heard grouped with H.14 and H.16.**
- H.16. This Item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion, by
Councilmember Nehrenheim, to be heard grouped with H.14 and H.15.**
- H.17. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN
OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 8, 2024**

CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER

Councilmember Nehrenheim pulled Items No. H.14, H.15 and H.16 to be considered as one item and separately from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Obagi referenced Item No. H.6 and thanked Public Works for the competitive process in managing bids and for moving this project, forward.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Nancy Skiba (via Zoom), District 4, referenced Item No. H.13 and asked for clarification regarding the benefit to the City relative to the event and the request for a business license fee waiver.

Mayor Light noted this time is for public comments, not questions and answers; stated he can connect with Nancy Skiba off-line on the matter.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, pulling H.14, H.15, and H.16 for separate consideration.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolutions No. CC-2503-011, CC-2503-016, CC-2503-015 and Ordinance No. 3292-25.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H.14. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH THROUGH MEASURE FP

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

H.15. APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH NOSSAMAN LLP AND ADD THE LAW FIRM OF NOSSAMAN LLP TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S APPROVED LAW FIRMS LIST

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTY

H.16. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES ADVISORY GROUP (PRAG) TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PURSUANT TO MEASURE FP THAT WAS APPROVED BY VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000 THAT WILL BE PAID OUT OF BOND PROCEEDS FOR THE TERM MARCH 18, 2025 TO MARCH 17, 2028 WITH AN AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Relative to H.14, Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned the bond council or bond group; asked if the City went through an RFP for it.

City Manager Witzansky stated they went through a consideration process and asked City Attorney Mike Webb to further explain.

City Attorney Webb reported the City did not do a formal RFP but stated they spoke with

a lot of people, including Larry Kosmont, and considered a number of Council options and in conjunction with the City Manager and Financial Services selected Lolly Enriquez as Bond Counsel; mentioned she has worked with the City before and noted he anticipates returning to Council on April 1st with disclosure; noted her experience in working with the City in the past as a plus.

Regarding H.16, City Manager Witzansky reported it went through a full selection process; thanked Jerry Woodham, designee from the Budget and Finance Commission, who participated in the assessment and selection process along with City staff and City Treasurer Solomon; stated the committee selected PRAG to serve as the City's Municipal Financial Advisor for the bond issuance.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked Jerry Woodham for volunteering his time to help the City with this matter and indicated he was pleased the City went through a competitive process.

City Manager Witzansky commented favorably regarding the selections; mentioned another RFP in the market for a Program Coordinator that will assist in design, development and construction.

Councilmember Nehrenheim noted the availability of state and federal grants, especially in cases where there is a match-for-match; mentioned the possibility of expensing grant writing services to the bond.

City Manager Witzansky talked about leveraging existing resources and supplementing grant acquisition; talked about a firm with which the City is working with to assist with a federal partnership proposal regarding the gun range; stated that City staff will continue to identify grant opportunities and keep an eye out.

Councilmember Loewenstein thanked Jerry Woodham, City Treasurer Solomon and everyone involved and noted the bond kick-off; mentioned in the 133-year history of the incorporation of the City of Redondo Beach; stated this is the first time the City has issued a General Obligation Bond for the City. He felt this sends a strong message to those in Public Safety that they are appreciated, and that the community loves the City's Public Service; spoke about the City's and Council's responsibility to get it right and wished everyone well.

Mayor Light offered his praises and thanked everyone involved.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to approve Items No. H.14, H.15, and H.16, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolution No. CC-2503-017.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Mayor Light opened this portion of the meeting and invited public comments.

Ron Maroko thanked Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim for their services and congratulated Councilmember Obagi and Mayor Light for their re-election; talked about a public records request he discussed previously and the “big” redaction.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file documents submitted by Ron Maroko.

The motion carried, 5-0.

Ron Maroko reported he was told he needed to file another public records request; said spoke to the City Attorney and asked about the policy for redaction and was told the City follows State law; stated the City Attorney released the document and encouraged the public to read it; stated he was the Chair of the Historical Commission when the document was written; mentioned it talks about tanking the Ito Park historic plans and bringing to a halt the Path of History markers; reported those projects were approved by the Historic Commission, Recreation and Parks, and the Public Arts Commission and approved by the City Council but nothing has happened; offered to help draw up a fair and equitable public records request policy that is consistent with State law and the spirit of State law; thanked City Attorney Webb with his help in the CRAC.

Councilmember Obagi asked if either of the two people in the email with the City anymore; Ron Maroko stated they are not.

Councilmember Nehrenheim addressed City Clerk Manzano and asked if the items the Council receives to “motion and file”, whether Blue Folder items or other items, if they are printed and put out front or put on-line.

City Clerk Manzano stated if they are received before 3:00 p.m. they are put on-line and printed and put in the book.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file documents submitted by Sara Martin.

The motion carried, 5-0.

Sara Martin talked about her concern for good governance; discussed the financial support for Jim Light’s and Nils Nehrenheim’s campaigns for Mayor; offered statistics regarding the source of the donations and expenses for each campaign; spoke about

elections being decided democratically and not purchased.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, congratulated Mayor Light and Councilmember Nehrenheim on their campaigns; spoke about Spring Fest starting March 20th through March 21st; reported Metro has published a document that they are projecting their final EIR date for September 2025.

Jerry Woodham, District 1, commended Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim for their work and service to the City.

Leslie Campeggi congratulated Councilmember Obagi and Mayor Light on their victories and thanked Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim and City Attorney Webb for their service and wished them well.

Holly Osborne spoke about www.OurNeighborhoodVoices.com and Councilmember Nehrenheim's involvement and spoke about the importance of returning local control to zoning.

Eugene Solomon congratulated the winners of the election; thanked Councilmember Loewenstein and Nehrenheim and City Attorney Webb for their service; reported attending the Government Investment Officers Association meeting last week; thanked residents for approving the Charter amendments; commented on the work of the Charter Advisory Review Committee (CRAC) and Council; noted the changes will help the City to better conduct its business.

Nancy Skiba (via Zoom), District 4, congratulated Councilmember Obagi and Mayor Light and spoke favorably regarding Councilmembers Loewenstein's and Nehrenheim's service.

There were no other public comments.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Light reported speaking with City staff and several Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking with City staff.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking with City staff and Mayor Light.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLANS OF FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022, 2022-2023, AND 2023-2024 TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WINDOWS AT THE VETERANS HISTORIC

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-014, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO REALLOCATE \$161,000 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MOBILITY, ACCESS, AND EMERGENCY REPAIR ACCOUNT, AND THE CITYWIDE CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 40399, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,859 AND \$114,141, RESPECTIVELY

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Community Services Director Hause introduced the item and deferred to Deputy Community Services Director Orta for a presentation.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report which included:

- CDBG Funding
 - City receives annual funding from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Staff identified \$161,000 of unused carryover CDBG funds that are required to be spent by April 26, 2026
 - Window replacement project at Veterans Historic Library (Job No. 20900) is an eligible project to use this funding.
- Substantial Amendment
 - A Substantial Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan (AAP) is required to reallocate these funds to the Veterans Historic Library facility
 - Reallocation would: not hinder any projects currently in progress and maintain the City's good standing with HUD's grant award guidelines
 - Proposed Substantial Amendment was properly noticed for a 30-day public review from February 6 to March 8
- Recommendation
 - Approve the proposed Substantial Amendment to the CDBG Annual Action Plans of FY 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 to provide supplemental funding for the replacement of the windows at the Veterans Historic Library and Community Center facility.
 - Adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2503-014, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, authorizing a FY 2024-2025 Budget Modification to reallocate \$161,000 of CDBG grant funds from the MA/ER account and the Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements projects (Job No. 40399), in the amount of \$16,859 and \$114,141, respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to

open the public hearing.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and carried by voice vote, to open the public hearing and include all of the comments made by City staff.

The motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion followed regarding the start of the windows replacement project.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, and seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and carried by voice vote, to close the public hearing.

The motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to approve the proposed substantial amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) annual action plans of fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 to provide supplemental funding for the replacement of the windows at the Veterans Historic Library and Community Center Facility and adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2503-014, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, authorizing a fiscal year 2024-2025 budget modification to reallocate \$161,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds from the Mobility, Access, and Emergency Repair account, and the Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements Project, Job No. 40399, in the amount of \$16,859 and \$114,141, respectively.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolution No. CC-2503-014.

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 4, 2025 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-018, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

City Clerk Manzano addressed Council's approval of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV); showed a slide and reviewed office election results; discussed undervotes for the School Board noting she will have to check on that.

Discussion followed regarding tracking, signature verification, letting City Council know how it may better help, setting up contact information to call the City Clerk's office and RCV enhancements.

City Clerk Manzano encouraged the Council, residents, and voters to contact her office with any questions or concerns; stated she will speak with IT regarding setting up a portal or a way for the public and others to provide input and follow up action by staff.

City Clerk Manzano thanked City staff, various Department staff and her staff for helping with the election; noted over 20 employees helped with the election and really came through, as well as her team of vendors and RCV resources, including the Humboldt County Recorder and his staff.

Councilmember Behrendt requested BRRs on how the money was spent and where it was spent; asked how they worked out, what changes need to be made next time regarding funding and how to redirect and calibrate going forward.

City Manager Witzansky agreed with doing a reconciliation of expenses and evaluating what provided value in the outreach effort for planning the next election.

Mayor Light added it would be good to do outreach to the community to obtain their feedback, via a survey; mentioned complaints about being "out of sync" and suggested considering when to conduct elections.

Councilmember Nehrenheim commented on issues with transparency; noted there are examples of RCV elections going awry; asked whether the results will be reviewed by a third party to ensure they comply with the rules Council passed last August.

City Clerk Manzano reported the Cast Voter Records (CRV) will be available and stated she would have to check regarding scanning the ballots, but the ballot data will be on the City website. She added that no one has asked about a third-party verification.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Wayne Craig, District 1, reported that on Election Day, five of his neighbors approached him because they did not know how to fill out their ballots; talked about the number of issues in the latest ballot and explained how those issues would be listed with low priority on the ballots if they were held in National/State elections in November; stated holding elections in March would allow voters to focus on what is important for the City.

Steve Chessin (via Zoom), Californians for Electoral Reform, spoke about educating City Council in January of 2022 about RCV; congratulated the City Clerk and her staff for the

successful implementation of RCV and the winners of the Mayoral and District 1 contests and Councilmember Brad Waller; noted that under the old rules, they would each be facing expensive runoff elections and that now, they can each take office April 1st instead of sometime in May; congratulated the voters of Redondo Beach.

Marcy Guillermo (via Zoom) voiced her disagreement with the previous speaker; stated she did not like RCV because it adds the potential for manipulation by non-serious candidates and is not a good system; reported her neighbors found it confusing and noted her preference for in-person voting.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced a Push Poll by Lake Research Partners; felt it was misleading as the questions were opposite of what were being asked; talked about such poll pushing outcomes and other voting system examples such as Star voting; mentioned the possibility of returning to the original form of voting; spoke about even “educated” voters having a difficult time understanding how to vote; asked about placement of the names.

City Clerk Manzano reported that Hart set up the machines.

Councilmember Obagi commented on the availability of RCV training videos.

City Clerk Manzano spoke about a training opportunity through the Women’s League; addressed challenges with timing and staffing, but agreed it is something that is needed. She responded to questions about joining the County elections, noting L.A. County does not do RCV and reported that two RCV firms are certified with the State; addressed voter turnout for runoffs.

Councilmember Obagi asked what improvements can be made for the next election.

City Attorney Webb suggested that it would be a great BRR and would give the City Clerk time to give thought to it.

City Clerk Manzano noted the need for increased staffing during elections; stated it will be addressed during budget discussions.

Discussion followed regarding contracting out the educational portion for production of educational videos and the need to continue educating the electorate.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported some residents wondered about RCV but once explained, they understood; noted receiving positive comments that people did not need to choose only one.

Mayor Light stated there was confusion regarding whether the second vote was counted if someone voted for two.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and carried by voice vote, to adopt by title only, Resolution No. CC-2503-018.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolution No. CC-2503-018.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ELEMENTS AND TASKS (GPU PHASE 2) AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE FOR FUTURE REVIEW

APPROVE A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PLACEWORKS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$187,474 FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,459,846

ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-013, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$234,632 TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR GENERAL PLAN EXPENSES WITH FUNDING AVAILABLE DUE TO A STATE LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (LEAP) GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

CONTACT: MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Community Development Director Wiener introduced the item and Planning Manager Scully; narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details regarding the 2016 General Plan Update including the 2025 General Plan schedule; highlights to the presentation include:

- Background
 - Initiated in 2016
 - CC met on October 1st, 15th, and 29th and November 5th and 12th
 - Directed staff to bifurcate prioritize the updates
- City Council Actions
 - On November 5th and 12th 2024, advanced and adopted several resolutions and ordinances which served to implement the City's Housing Element
- 2025 GP Schedule

Brief discussion followed regarding having four meetings in June.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the possibility of multiple measures, grouping

topics in logical segments and ensuring there is clarity with voters on each decision that is before them. He confirmed it would involve different measures on a ballot; addressed the Article 27 analysis and noted what was presented is a tentative schedule.

Community Development Director Wiener continued narrating the presentation with details of the various amendments and related tasks under each.

- Amendment 6
 - Outstanding tasks
- Amendment 7
 - Proposed tasks
- Fiscal Impact
 - \$331,085 for Amendments 6 and 7
 - Funding for these items has been set aside for a combination of items
- Recommended Actions

City Manager Witzansky discussed the contract and noted that Place Works is in charge of the project but subcontracts with other firms for much of the analytical work.

Mayor Light suggested spreading out the scheduling, considering the current and upcoming workload, in order to not shortchange the budget or this process; requested topics for consideration to include co-living, streamlining some uses and being stricter on others, the definition of open space in commercial zones, the PCH corridor and ensuring internal consistency; talked about the Harbor not being part of the GPAC or the General Plan focus. He explained he does not expect discussion on those topics tonight but wants to ensure they are considered going forward.

Community Development Director Wiener provided an update on co-living, including the Planning Commission's review and recommendations.

In reply to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question regarding co-living and possible safety issues, Community Development Director Wiener explained the General Plan would include a policy directing City staff to regulate it through directives and policies; talked about other options and reported he would need to explore the topic with the City Attorney.

Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned that a lot has been accomplished through the years with this update; felt it got people motivated to care and to vote; agreed about spreading these through all areas of the City as different areas may have different interests; asserted that in order to get people to vote, the issues must be something that matters to them and commented on the timeline.

Councilmember Behrendt talked about much of the expenditure related to Place Works is funding subcontractors; referenced the standard fee schedule in the document and asked for clarification regarding the rates.

Planning Manager Scully explained that subconsultants have their own fee schedules.

Councilmember Behrendt stated he would like to know the rates charged by subconsultants; read that expenses are to be billed at cost plus 12.5% and asked for the total markup paid by the City.

Planning Manager Scully reported that each amendment has a reimbursable line item, and that staff could explore that.

Councilmember Behrendt offered to revisit the topic with the City Manager offline and wondered if Place Works is charging a markup for the work being done by subconsultants.

Planning Manager Scully confirmed that Place Works charges 10% of the subconsultant's fee.

Discussion followed regarding the separate line items for project management and study sessions, the various amendments, Fehr & Peers charges, assigning charges per task and considering who was involved (i.e., a principal or staff).

Councilmember Obagi stressed the need to move ahead with the Artesia Boulevard project in a timely manner, get this on the ballot in 2025 and let residents be in charge of their own destiny on Artesia and so that the City can make the necessary systemic, regulatory changes that need to occur to bring investment to that boulevard.

Councilmember Behrendt suggested fast-tracking the Artesia Improvement and Revitalization Act on the ballot this year.

Councilmember Obagi talked about multiple elections; referenced PCH under Article 27, Special Elections and the cost of doing business in Redondo Beach to get change affected.

City Manager Witzansky asked whether the intent is to segregate that particular outcome amidst other items to effectuate on its own as a particular study and analysis moving forward; talked about difficulties when adding projects and listed items including the PI/FAR and AACAP and reported the rest of the items are more policy narratives and the elements themselves.

Councilmember Obagi felt the Public Institutional (PI) FAR and AACAP are the easiest; suggested that staff bring back those two items sooner rather than later while moving forward on the rest concurrently and mentioned that PCH should be getting a similar treatment as Artesia Boulevard.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the possibility of implementing a Pacific Coast Highway Corridor Area Plan (PCHCAP); stated it would require consultants to look at what treatments and economic incentives Council would advise to include (nodes,

blocks, etc.) along the PCH corridor and Council would adopt the plan (much like the AACAP) and the plan would become the basis for the environmental review and the ordinances required to implement those strategies; added it is not on the Strategic Plan other than from the standpoint of a storefront improvement.

Community Development Director Wiener reported it identifies PCH as a special policy area and there is a directive to develop a plan, similar to the AACAP, which would be the next step and noted it is high priority as the next project to be addressed after the General Plan amendments.

Mayor Light stated his concern with the piecemeal approach is internal consistency and reported the GPAC made specific changes to zoning types that lay in different business districts.

City Manager Witzansky stated that, in the Strategic Plan, staff committed to providing a BRR to Council on the cost to create a PCH corridor plan.

Discussion followed regarding issues that could be intertwined and PCH being much more complicated than Artesia Boulevard.

Councilmember Obagi reiterated his request to complete the implementation of AACAP, getting it on the ballot this year, along with the PI FAR: mentioned the possibility of holding another election in 2026 if needed.

In reply to concerns from Mayor Light about piecemealing, Councilmember Kaluderovic explained the intent is to move the AACAP and PI FAR forward and determine how to implement them into the General Plan.

Discussion followed regarding one being the policy document and the other the implementation ordinance.

Councilmember Obagi talked about prioritizing the items where there is Council consensus.

Councilmember Behrendt added that it could be done consistent with Article 27.

Mayor Light spoke about needing to look at the current General Plan versus the new one, felt tacking on new things would drag this out; reiterated his concerns about piecemealing from an internal consistency perspective.

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of bundling issues versus separating them and making things easy for the public to understand and not complicated.

Community Development Director Wiener stated, when this returns to Council, staff will identify what areas of the General Plan are triggering Article 27 and Council can consider whether to separate the issues or take a more consolidated approach.

City Manager Witzanski summarized discussions for staff to execute what it has set out to execute on a priority basis and supplemental items may trail as a follow-up review, but staff is full speed ahead on the critical elements.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Holly Osborne, District 5, wondered if the public is aware of the definition of FAR (Floor/Area Ratio) and whether if increasing it will prevent Council from decreasing it if it does not work out; felt that increasing the FAR will impact parking on Artesia which will creep into the neighborhoods.

Marcy Guillermo (via Zoom) agreed with breaking the Housing Element into sections based on districts, and ask simple questions to increase voter understanding; felt this is not piecemealing, but rather based on Article 27; agreed with developing a separate plan for PCH.

Mayor Light explained the City is not reopening the Housing Element, but rather this is just part one of the General Plan that has been passed.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, the contract and the resolution to do the work needed for the General Plan and subsequent related phases.

The motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Resolution No. CC-2503-013.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by voice vote, to call for an 8 minute recess at 8:51 p.m.

The motion carried 3-2. Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim were opposed.

Mayor Light reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Witzansky reported the new Assistant to the City Manager Jane Chung will begin on Monday; reminded Council that on April 1st, at 3:30 p.m., in the Main

Library, there will be a celebration honoring outgoing Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim and that there will be no Closed Session on that night.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

**P.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING
OPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Light provided a brief background on why he asked for this topic of discussion.

City Attorney Webb introduced the Library Director and Community Services Director; reported that unhoused people are entitled to be in a public library; acknowledged that it can get crowded during inclement weather and then complaints from residents will come from that; reported discussing the situation with Community Services Director Hause, whether there are other public buildings that are not as busy and could be options for emergency shelters during inclement weather; added that he spoke with Michelle Pinedo and Director Hause regarding the use of community centers but they pointed out that those are often rented out for other purposes; spoke with Library Director Vinke about the possibility of opening a meeting room upstairs but noted there are other programs that use those rooms; talked about partnering with local churches and suggested the only practical solution would be to work with them to give incentives for homeless persons to go to local churches; stated the Housing Navigator suggested keeping the program small to avoid creating a regional magnet; recommended agendizing the topic after the new Council has been seated.

Mayor Light thanked City Attorney Webb for looking into it and stated he would like to explore partnering with local churches since that is a 24-hour option.

City Attorney Mike Webb stated, if the Council would like, they can make a motion to agendize it at some future date; mentioned it is probably not feasible to get it done by the time the rainy season dies but Council can have a discussion regarding the possibility of partnering with local churches to provide emergency shelter during inclement weather for those experiencing homelessness or do a BRR of the costs.

Mayor Light asked if his office had already talked to the churches and City Attorney Webb stated that Miss Omura has spoken to the two churches.

Housing Navigator Lila Omura agreed that it is needed and that the Main Library has been a hot spot in inclement weather and felt it would be great to offer people somewhere to stay out of the rain and to keep it small.

Discussion followed on how they would get the word out but keep it small and manageable and not attract out of City homeless.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about the City's successes relative to helping the unhoused; felt that temporary emergency shelters do not work and there would be no way to contain the word of mouth; shared a story about one in Long Beach getting out of control; voiced his opposition and noted that from a legal perspective you cannot force someone to leave the library; discussed the City's limited funds and suggested continuing to do what has been successful.

Councilmember Obagi thanked City Attorney Webb and staff for their work on homelessness and reported his willingness to try this out. In reply to his question about instances of heat, Library Director Vinke pointed out it is not as impactful as wet weather.

Councilmember Obagi felt that, with a system of incentives, the City could encourage impacted persons to go elsewhere within the City for emergency shelter and receive wrap-around services.

Discussion followed regarding violent incidents involving people that are both housed and unhoused, the importance of addressing mental health, incidents of drug use and public safety as a priority of the City.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, to agendaize a discussion in July or August, regarding partnering with local churches to provide emergency shelter for the unhoused during inclement weather and request a BRR of associated costs.

Councilmember Kaluderovic believed this could create an opportunity that could garner additional successes; stated she would be interested to learn what type of incentives may be successful and emphasized that the shelter would be temporary. Additionally, she felt the City does not want to be the only city providing these services and spoke about Redondo Beach being an example.

Councilmember Kaluderovic seconded the motion.

Councilmember Loewenstein understood Councilmember Behrendt's concerns; spoke favorably about the City's program to help the unhoused; stated he does not see people coming to Redondo Beach because of shelters during inclement weather; agreed with relocating those using the library to areas that do not impact other people using it and where they can be supervised and be provided with shelter and food.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested Veterans Park.

Community Services Director Hause reported that senior programs are offered at Veterans Park every day.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested the lower level of the parking garage at the Pier.

City Attorney Webb stated Council can decide the location(s); noted his first thought was City-owned facilities and did not believe people could be incentivized to move from a

heated facility to an unheated one.

Councilmember-elect Castle, District 2, reported speaking with residents during his campaign and stated the issues that residents are concerned about relates to unhoused people using bus shelters during inclement weather; noted that, historically, involvement by the church became problematic and opening that back up recreates an issue that was troublesome in the past. In terms of the library; he wondered if it is a security issue where additional staff may help.

City Attorney Webb provided a history of the involvement of the church and addressed steps that resolved challenges at the time; spoke about an existing church food distribution program and listed issues that the new Council will need to address.

Mayor Light spoke about an objective of Bill Brand (when he was a Councilmember) to stop feeding the homeless at the churches in his district and mentioned the solution today was a better and legal path than the other.

Councilmember Obagi requested to add to the BRR, the cost of additional security at the Main Library.

City Attorney Webb gave some suggestions.

Councilmember-elect Waller, District 1, noted it involves maybe a dozen to 20 days a year; felt it will not attract people from all regions and stated he would like feedback from St. Andrews and other local churches.

Marcy Guillermo (via Zoom) agreed with comments made by Councilmembers-elect Waller and Castle; believed the City already does more than enough and suggested contacting L.A. County to help residents to other area shelters. She feared that providing overnight services would exacerbate problems; spoke about ordinances in Hermosa Beach and suggested the Councilmember from District 3 find a shelter in her district.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding people that grew up in Redondo Beach not wanting to leave even if they are unhoused, seeing more new people recently, working on prevention on the front end, and providing follow-up care on the back end.

Councilmember Behrendt reiterated his opposition; felt it would be troublesome for the City; talked about people fearing to visit Redondo Beach and felt that every time the City has inclement weather it will become a homeless hangout; suggested studying the topic before making decisions. Additionally, he spoke about the possibility of setting up heated tents in front of the library during the rainy season.

City Attorney Webb agreed that future Council should explore this and did not believe the County would force the City into anything.

More discussion followed on the topic of the County getting involved and what notice needs to be given to shut down a shelter that is not operating well.

Mayor Light shut down the discussion and stated the decision tonight is whether Council wants this to come back or don't they; asked that Council get to a motion since it is either a yes or a no.

It was stated that there is a motion and Mayor Light stated "yes" and he would like to call it.

Councilmember Obagi added that he would like to explore noticing requirements for shutting down the shelter if it is not successful.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about taking initiatives and getting things done to solve problems.

Amended motion, by Councilmember Behrendt, to study legally how to remove the unhoused from the library if needed.

Councilmember Obagi noted it is not legal but noted his request for a BRR of the cost of security for the safety of all persons.

Councilmember Obagi did not accept the amended motion, which died for lack of a second.

The motion carried 4-1, by voice vote. Councilmember Behrendt was opposed.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim requested a BRR for the cost of educating and surveying voters regarding RCV and the possibility of changing back to the old system.

Councilmember Obagi asked for a BRR to replace the fence between Inglewood and Condon Avenue along Grant Avenue, a BRR to fund an analysis of creating PCH into a vibrant economic corridor.

Regarding the latter, City Manager Witzansky reported it is already in the Strategic Plan; stated staff is working to identify the barriers to economic development; discussed forming a group of staff members and businesses owners and residents, or forming a subcommittee, to be part of those conversations as part of a robust working group to identify impediments and work on possible policy solutions.

Councilmember Obagi talked about agendizing a discussion regarding potentially closing loopholes in the City's User Utility Tax (UUT) and noted the City Treasurer has stated he will prepare the staff report on that.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he would second a motion if it included direction to fix the business issue for Farmers' Markets as well as others.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned updating the Business License Tax Code which will require a 218 process and is already in the works.

Councilmember Nehrenheim withdrew the suggestion and stated he will support Councilmember Obagi's request.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to direct staff to agendize a discussion regarding potentially closing loopholes in the City's User Utility Tax (UUT) in the future.

The motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by voice vote, to direct staff to agendize a discussion regarding renaming the Teen Center at Perry Park, the Michael W. Webb Teen Center in the future.

The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Light expressed concerns about the schedule to get the new ordinances posted online; wondered if it is appropriate to address a moratorium on smoke shops, massage parlors, and co-living.

City Manager Witzansky reported staff is actively working on a code update and talked about the need to make findings; provided an update on the matter of smoke shops and noted the need to determine how aggressive the City can be; addressed evaluating a co-living moratorium and leaving out massage parlors for now.

More discussion followed on whether the ordinances will be ready to go, if the moratorium would take longer, and the need to not draw it out longer.

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was cancelled.

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None

The Closed Session meeting was cancelled.

T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:11 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 10:11 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

The motion carried, 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk