



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, June 10, 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: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager  
Melissa Villa, Analyst

### **C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None**

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

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

Analyst Villa reported no eComments and no one on Zoom.

### **F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **F.1. 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:**

**St. Laurent, Marcia v. City of Redondo Beach, Howard E. Wood, Susan C. Wood, The HS Wood Family Trust and Does 1-100, Inclusive**

**Case Number: 25TRCV01441**

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

Assistant to the City Manager Smude announced the following would be participating in Closed Session: Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude and City Attorney Joy Ford.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to recess to Closed Session.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

#### **G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Light reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

#### **H. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager

#### **I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Assistant to the City Manager Smude reported on Item F.1, Council moved to defend the City against the claim in that item.

#### **J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

### **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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

## **B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Melissa Villa, Analyst/Liaison

## **C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Light recognized any veterans and active-duty military for their service; invited up Matthew to lead the salute to the flag and asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silent invocation.

Matthew McCauley, senior at RUHS attending University of Florida in the fall, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **D.1. MAYOR'S COMMENDATION TO THE REDONDO SUNSET CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

### **D.2. MAYOR'S COMMENDATION TO THE RUHS BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP FINANCE CLASS WINNERS OF THE 2025 PROJECT ECHO ENTREPRENEURSHIP BUSINESS PLAN STATE COMPETITION**

Mayor Light announced he had a couple of presentations tonight; stated the first one is about the Champions League, and its accommodation for Champions League; brought up Matt McCauley and Chris McCauley; noted it is part of Redondo Sunset Baseball and Softball and not a typical baseball league; stated it is a pony baseball and softball program designed for children with special needs and promotes physical activity, builds self-confidence, and encourages social interaction with a supportive environment; mentioned that it has no registration fees and all equipment is provided and all areas can participate.

Matthew McCauley stated it was an honor to be there; gave some background on his experience; mentioned how great it is to see kids grow up physically and as players; spoke about AYSO offering this program for soccer and he saw the need to have it for baseball.

Chris McCauley said that, as a dad, it is great to see how the community responds to this program; mentioned how fortunate they are to live in such a great City; reported that even though Matthew has been running it and will be going off to college, he has recruited

replacements so the program will continue.

Mayor Light spoke about how proud he was that a student took initiative developing the program and looked forward to seeing what he does in the future; stated on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redondo Beach, and the players in their league, thanked Matthew and Chris for everything; presented a commendation for the Champions League.

Mayor Light presented a commendation to the RUHS students who won the 2025 Project Echo; mentioned their incredible performance at the Project Echo Entrepreneurship Business Plan State Championship; asked Mr. Mike Soo Hoo to join him at the podium; reported that students from Mr. Soo Hoo's Business Entrepreneurial Finance class demonstrated remarkable creativity and entrepreneurial spirit; reported, out of 53 teams from 19 different schools across the State, five RUHS teams earned top honors; stated Team TimeWise received first place in the services category with a time management app designed to personalize study plans for students; reported Team Bliss won in the products category by developing an innovative heated bathrobe; noted that having a great teacher can have a big impact and announced that Mr. Soo Hoo received the 2025 Chip Goodman Entrepreneurial Teach of the Year Award; stated the City also wanted to recognize the collaboration and support from other local partners, including the Redondo Beach Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the North Redondo Beach Business Association for helping guide the students' projects; encouraged all students to keep creating and dreaming big since they are the next generation of leaders and change makers; presented several students with a certificate.

Mr. Soo Hoo expressed how proud he was of his students; described the competition as being in a "shark tank" where you must present in front of tons of people and write a 20-page business plan; explained how much of an accomplishment it was for all of them.

The TimeWise team provided a skit to the Mayor, City Council and members of the audience; the skit acted out how their time management app personalizes students' study habits; showed a slide with what the app includes:

- Personalized Calendar
- Gamified Experience
- Connections to Tutors
- Access to Academic Resources

They explained that users take a survey that determines how a student best retains information, then users input dates of exams, quizzes, tests, and any other important dates and the app generates a personalized study planner; reported that the app also can connect students to tutors, awards points and other incentives to make the experience fun and rewarding while tracking progress.

Team TimeWise introduced themselves: Amandine Schott (CEO), Arjun Modi (CTO/CFO), Riley O'Flynn (CMO), and Angelina M.G. (COO); they explained why they developed the app which included struggles students have with time management and

motivation, procrastination, finding credible information, and ineffective study sessions; noted ineffective study sessions lead to anxiety and frustration; presented the opportunity the market has for their product and summarized the reasons it would be effective and attractive to consumers; mentioned that mystudylife is a notable competitor but that it does not compete directly with TimeWise because TimeWise goes beyond by combining all multiple effective tools into one complete platform, which they said no one else has; reported the project 9,000 in subscriptions which would be \$53,000 in sales for their first year; stated each subscription costs \$5.99 monthly; stated predicted start up costs at \$250,000; explained that TimeWise has potential exponential growth.

Mayor Light moved on to other proclamations, announcements and AB 1234.

Councilmember Waller reported that he attended the Clean Power Alliance Board of Directors meeting last week and they approved lower rates while maintaining their targeted 50% reserve; announced the Riviera Village Summer Festival will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Castle reported attending a Redondo Beach Round Table presentation given by the Head of Development at LAX, the grand opening of the Western State Carpenters Union training facility in Carson and noted many of them will be building the infrastructure for the World Cup and Olympics and other projects for LA County, and the Reimagined Poetry Art Exhibit at the Pier Plaza on Friday; announced the Library's kickoff to their Summer Reading Program, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Main Library celebration and the Juneteenth celebration throughout the upcoming weekend at City Hall and the Library and also mentioned Father's Day and wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Councilmember Kaluderovic thanked the Round Table for their meeting and what they featured; reported attending the last Youth Commission meeting with the Mayor and gave a shout out to the graduating seniors who are on that Commission; noted they are an impressive group.

Mayor Light interjected to give kudos to Kelly Orta for leading the Youth Commission participants through the City Council type meeting.

Councilmember Kaluderovic added kudos to the entire Community Services Department in helping kick off the Youth Commission; mentioned she also attended NAMI with Captain Yang from the Fire Department.

Councilmember Obagi reported also attending the Redondo Beach Round Table at LAX; stated they heard from Mike Christensen, from LAX, that the people mover will be opening up on January 6<sup>th</sup> which will help connect to the Metro stop; hoped through the COG to organize a major meet up to travel from the Redondo Beach Marine Avenue Station on the Metro to the airport, take the people mover into the terminal so that they can test how easy it is to use; noted it would be less expensive and should be quicker than driving to the airport.

Mayor Light reported meeting with Quantimetrix, a manufacturer in Redondo Beach, and touring their facility; stated he will attend a ceremony on Friday and present them with a certificate; noted they converted their perimeter landscaping with native habitat; spoke about meeting with City staff and LA 28 (2028 Olympics staff) and having contact with the 88 Cities in LA County for the LA 2028 Olympics; stated they viewed a presentation from a vendor who offers viewing station capabilities for the FIFA World Cup; mentioned exploring all options for the upcoming year to generate both revenue and options for residents to gather for the big events; announced he would be holding his first Olympic Committee Meeting tomorrow.

**E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**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.8, H.10, H.15, J.1, L.1, L.2 and mentioned the Mayor and Council should have received BRRs (5 of them) for numbers 6,12, 13, 27, and 30.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 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. APPROVE A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, WALLACE & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, LLC, AND ACCENTURE INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPITAL PROJECTS, LLC; AND**

**APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ACCENTURE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PORTOFINO WAY AND YACHT CLUB WAY SEWER PUMP STATION PROJECTS (JOB NOS. 50210 & 50260), INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$469,924, FOR A REVISED NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL OF \$1,491,400, AND EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH MAY 18, 2027**

**CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.5. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE WEST LLC. TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 415 DIAMOND STREET, THROUGH MAY 19, 2028**

**APPROVE THE INCLUDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (EXHIBIT F) TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS ALLEGED BY THE CITY RESULTING IN A PAYMENT OF \$23,425 TO THE CITY**

**CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.6. APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (TSSP) PROJECT PREPARED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (LACDPW)**

**CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.7. Item pulled by Councilmember Obagi.**

**H.8. APPROVE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 875 RELATED TO THE ENHANCED REGULATION OF E-BIKES CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

**H.9. Item pulled by Councilmember Behrendt.**

**H.10. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DECKARD TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR USE OF THE RENTALScape DATA PLATFORM TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF**

**REDONDO BEACH IN IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING ISSUES RELATED TO THE ILLEGAL OPERATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE CITY FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,400 AND THE TERM JUNE 10, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 9, 2026, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS**

**CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

- H.11. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (HSI) TO ASSIGN A POLICE DETECTIVE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH INTENSITY FINANCIAL CRIMES AREA (HIFCA) - EL CAMINO REAL (ECR) FINANCIAL CRIMES TASK FORCE - FOR THE TERM JUNE 10, 2025 UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY**

**CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

- H.12. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH UKG KRONOS SYSTEMS, LLC FOR TELESTAFF TIMEKEEPING SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028, WITH TWO AUTOMATIC ONE-YEAR RENEWALS, FOR A TOTAL FIVE-YEAR NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$214,487**

**CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

- H.13. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-034, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO UPDATE THE POSITION OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR; AND ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-035, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO CREATE THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY CLERK AND ADOPTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

- H.14. APPROVE BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-036, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO ADD THE POSITION OF HOMELESS HOUSING SUPERVISOR WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$6,178 TO \$8,291 PER MONTH**

**CONTACT: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY**



**H.15. APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WAIVER APPLICATION EXEMPTING VENDORS PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT, SCHEDULED ON JUNE 14, 2025, 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**

**CONTACT:** JANE CHUNG, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve the Consent Calendar except for Items H.7 and H.9.

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke on Item H.11; mentioned the item was interesting because it involves an MOU with the Homeland Security Department; said initially he thought it was exciting to have City detectives participate in a federal task force investigation; stated, as he reviewed the details closer, he wondered what the City is getting out of it; noted that he shared the federal government guidebook, which details how local agencies are eligible and how asset sharing is done through this program; noted it is in the Blue Folder labeled US DOJ EQS Guide and Guide Pages; encouraged the Mayor and Council to read it and mentioned it is 35 pages; shared items he found interesting:

- The City must fund each detective's specialized training before the City can participate
- Asset sharing is not guaranteed
- The City must demonstrate that their department played a major role in a case before any funds are even considered
- Federal agencies take their cut first, which starts at 20%, and there are about eight categories of deductions that are applied after that
- Overtime reimbursements capped at \$15,000

Wayne Craig recommended that, before moving forward, the Council to continue the item and read the attached materials in the Blue Folder and reach out to other cities already in the programs to see how much they actually received in asset disbursements; mentioned he hears that the City's detectives are too overwhelmed to enforce the City's local laws and asked shouldn't we prioritize those responsibilities before volunteering local resources to federal work.

Jess Money, District 3, spoke of there being five major financial centers in the world: Wall Street, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Redondo Beach (received some laughs); mentioned a Redondo Beach resident named John Patrick Kluber was indicted on charges of securities fraud and transactional money laundering and was arrested in North Carolina; angrily stated it is another example of the City being run for the benefit of the Police Department instead of the citizens.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one with their hand raised and no eComments for J.1.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-034, Resolution No. CC-2506-035, and Resolution No. CC-2506-036.

## **I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

### **H.7. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF CITY PROVIDED SCHOOL RESOURCE POLICE OFFICER SERVICES EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, AND INCREASING THE TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT, OVER THE EIGHT YEAR PERIOD, TO \$800,000**

**CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Councilmember Obagi stated this item is an agreement to extend the MOU with the School District to continue to provide one additional SRO for the next two years at a cost of \$420,000 to the City and with the School District reimbursing the City \$100,000 a year; commented that the School District, parents, and police love the SRO program and he fully supports it but the City is on an unsustainable path with the provision of services, elections, and crossing guards for the benefit of the School District; stated he is either going to vote no on this or will vote for it with an amendment shortening the term to one year to come back to the table and see what the School District is willing to chip in for the SRO and also to change the agreement from “an additional SRO” to just “SRO” so the City is only obligated to provide one SRO; mentioned that Chief Hoffman will likely still provide two SROs because the Police Department and the community sees a lot of benefit in it.

Mayor Light asked if Councilmember Obagi wanted to make a motion.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi to amend the contract to end the term on June 30, 2026, and strike out the word “additional” in paragraph 2.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked the City Manager for the background on the item.

City Manager Witzansky stated the School District approved this amendment and noted it could be seen in the trail of documents; noted that the governing terms of the agreement harken back to the original MOU and subsequent amendments have spoken to extending the program over the last few years; felt what Councilmember Obagi is referencing is the phrasing in the original MOU mentioning an additional SRO; noted it is contradicted by the language in the document under “Scope of Service” that pertains to the City receiving compensation for deploying one at the high school; stated to amend this agreement with the district, they would need to make the changes and then have the School District reapprove the modified version; said that they have hoped to obtain more support from

the School District and reimbursement for this program.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked how much flexibility the City has or will there be a delay in services if they do not approve this now.

City Manager Witzansky anticipated that the program will be there at the start of the next school year; noted it is paid on a quarterly basis so it is unlikely that the School District will act on this in June but July is possible; stated he does not know how they will react to the proposed language changes but noted that some of the language is unclear so clarity would be beneficial.

Councilmember Obagi gave more background into the item; reported that this agreement was initially started in 2019 and, in 2022, he signed on to the first amendment that continued the program without any increase in the \$100,000 being paid by the School District to the City; noted that the School District is in a tough time and cannot currently chip in more and he does not want to take this resource away but wanted to get the City in a position to be able to re-evaluate within a year; felt that the analysis would not be done if they keep it at two years; added that it is not in their purview to take away the resource and it is at the discretion of the Chief.

Councilmember Kaluderovic seconded the motion.

Mayor Light asked if Councilmember Obagi would be okay with adding the authority for the City Manager to change the wording, then if the School District approves it, he can just sign it instead of coming back to Council with it.

Councilmember Obagi offered a friendly amendment to his motion changing it to authorize the Mayor to execute the amended contract pursuant to changing the term to end on June 30, 2026, and referencing only one SRO is required.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if there was a downside to doing what was proposed.

City Manager Witzansky responded that the only downside would be if the District does not want to make the change and prefer to keep it as they have today; noted, in the event that happens, the City would have the option to reconsider approval.

Councilmember Waller stated he was on the School Board when the original contract was signed; voiced his concern of taking out the word "additional" for the additional officer because the understanding was that the City had been providing the one officer and the extra \$100,000 was to ensure there were two SROs at all times; felt the School District will see this as an adversarial amendment and not sign it; stated unless the motion takes out the removal of "additional" will not sign it.

Councilmember Kaluderovic pointed out that it is a one-year contract and they will be coming back to talk about it in a year.

Councilmember Obagi agreed to compromise and drop it down to a one-year term and

keep the word “additional” in the agreement.

Councilmember Kaluderovic accepted the new amended motion.

Councilmember Castle mentioned he was more concerned about the other costs the City is incurring for the School District; stated the costs are adding up to a large number; suggested, in a year, they think of it in context of all the other things that the City spends as well; felt it is important they do not lock themselves into a long-term contract; reported he is in favor of this shorter term.

Councilmember Behrendt referenced Councilmember Castle’s comment and asked the City Manager if he had an estimate of the costs that the City is paying for in relation to the School District.

City Manager Witzansky reported the program they are discussing is roughly \$420,000 and the School District contributes \$100,000 for this agreement which is annualized; noted that begs a question as part of the motion and stated if the City is adjusting the term to one year, then they are also adjusting the “not to exceed” amount, that they had referenced, from \$800,000 down to \$700,000; stated that the City is also contributing nearly \$600,000 a year for the School Crossing Guard Program, which is subject to opinions of both agencies; mentioned there are other things the City does in terms of their franchise agreement for their solid waste hauler, which enables both the City and School District to benefit from free solid waste service; noted that the School District has recently paid the City’s sewer impact fees and have committed to contribute and pay on an ongoing basis; stated they continue to work with the subcommittee on a list of items but that currently the School District does not have additional money to give and it will be revisited in the next year.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Wayne Craig applauded Councilmember Obagi for bringing up the issue; felt the conversation on shared expenses was long-overdue; noted that the City is millions short in TOT tax revenue and they are having to borrow millions from the City’s pension reserve account to cover pension cost; voiced his concern over hearing the School Board would be deciding how the City Council would be spending their money; questioned whether Councilmember Waller should be able to deliberate on this since he was part of the decision making while on the School Board.

Andy Porkchop stated he would vote yes for this because of student safety and also for an additional SRO.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no e-Comments.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**H.9. APPROVE A NO-COST AGREEMENT WITH PEREGRINE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THIRD-PARTY LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA SHARING EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2025 AND IN EFFECT UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY**

**CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Councilmember Behrendt summarized the item; stated his concern is that information on residents will be provided and asked what safeguards or protection is built in to protect their information from other agencies outside of the Redondo Beach Police Department; mentioned that under this agreement it is shared with all Peregrine customers in the State of California and wondered who that includes; read in the news, Flock, they were sharing information with ICE and Homeland Security in connection with immigration efforts and that raised some alarm bells with him; requested a list of the other agencies, individuals, and Peregrine customers who will have access to the information; wanted to hear thoughts from the Police, City Attorney, and the IT Director.

City Manager Witzansky reported that Jeff Mendence, Police Captain, will speak on the item since he has been in charge of this contract discussion and Mike Cook, IT Director, can speak to the protections from a software platform standpoint.

Captain Mendence reported there is a legacy system called CLETS, which stands for California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System; gave some details and background on CLETS mentioning that the machine was clunky, loud and would produce a teletype request from another law enforcement agency and then it would be reviewed and responded to; explained how Peregrine takes all the same information and requests and puts it into a platform that shares data; listed the current agencies that Peregrine has agreements with, which included: Glendale, Gardena, Arcadia, Alhambra, San Bernadino, and Colton; mentioned that Peregrine is instantaneous but that nothing really changes between the CLETS system and Peregrine systems regarding data sharing; stated it really just changes the accessibility of that information; spoke of early experiences with ICE and ALPR data issues and were able to go in and specifically opt out of sharing that data with anyone.

IT Director Cook stated the key thing for him is CJIS, which stands for Criminal Justice Information System; stated, as a law enforcement agency, Redondo must be compliant with all of the policies and standards that CJIS sets, noted that they are extensive rules and regulations; reported that Redondo, Peregrine, and all other law enforcement agencies must be CJIS compliant and those are the agencies that are sharing data; stated that from technology, cybersecurity, physical controls, etc. those accessing the system are all mandated by CJIS and all parties touching the data are CJIS compliant.

Mayor Light asked if CJIS is state or federal; Mike Cook stated federal.

IT Director Cook explained that the CLETS system is decades old, the process to read and respond is slow and time consuming; noted that changing over to a more modern platform, Peregrine, will not only increase speed but it will increase layers of

cybersecurity.

Mayor Light interjected and added that they are currently using this platform and just not authorizing them to send the data.

IT Director Cook said correct.

Mayor Light asked if they are integrating the City's own data feeds to data fusion and all that.

IT Director Cook said correct; noted that tonight's item is exclusive to allowing third parties to access that information; reported that they do have an existing agreement in place that allows the City to use this information for their own purposes; spoke about the Peregrine system being a tool that provides multiple capabilities.

Captain Mendence provided more information on the item; stated the whole point of Peregrine is to bring everything under one platform and accessible and easy to work with; further explained the level of research they did to come to this decision, and they were confident to bring it forward tonight.

Mayor Light voiced his concern that if they don't sign it tonight, then they may not have access to data needed to catch the bad guy.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned they would just rely on the old process but stated the traditional mechanism takes days, slows down investigations, and slows down their ability to act quickly on crimes.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the Peregrine system is a collection of data collected by the RBPd such as license plate readers, surveys that the Police send out to individuals who are geo-located within a certain area.

Captain Mendence said no, not the survey information and said that is SPIDR tech and Zencity which are not integrated; spoke of all the systems they have integrated such as Mark43 Records Management System, CAD, Axonevidence.com; ALPR and Flock ALPR, and the Laserfiche database.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke of the Peregrine being a collection of all those integrated systems; asked, if they didn't sign the agreement, if they would still have data that they need for their license plate reader program.

Captain Mendence responded that in their native systems, the six systems he listed, they would have their in-house data.

More discussion followed regarding the use of the current systems and the ability to use the license plate readers to still identify criminals.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the system they are using now is decades old or if they are able to receive information instantaneously.

Captain Mendence explained that they are using a web-based system but that the work still takes months; gave an example of stopping a car with a person they suspected stole a purse and detailed out the process they would need to follow in order to obtain information on whether the purse was stolen and who it belonged to; stated Peregrine allows the user to go in and request data on all stolen purses with the given description of the purse and populates without needing the human component.

Councilmember Behrendt clarified if that was the process every time and in order to get the scaling and accessibility of information they need to enter the Peregrine sharing of information agreement.

Captain Mendence said the CLETS allows them to get the information they need but they need to do the process every time; noted that unless a crime bulletin from another agency via email is sent, they have to go through records and use CLETS; mentioned from a time management and practicality standpoint no one has the bandwidth to do everything; stated their goal is to have accessibility on their phones and not have to go back to records and query to 88 law enforcement agencies to prevent or stop a crime.

Councilmember Behrendt asked what happens to anyone that violates the CJIS system, what protections are built in for any breaches, would the City of Redondo Beach be protected, indemnified if they were sued because of the violation.

Captain Mendence explained it would depend on the type of violation and the type of information leaked on how it is treated, but the City can immediately log in and backend the account and turn off their access; stated after that they can notify the agency of the concern of misuse of data, ask them to conduct an administrative investigation, notify the Cal DOJ.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the City Attorney could weigh in on the item.

City Attorney Ford reported all the concerns mentioned were also concerns of their office; stated that Peregrine eventually agreed to most of the concerns but the other cities do not indemnify Redondo Beach; explained that if another city breached their requirements for CJIS, Redondo Beach is not indemnified by them; stated that Peregrine has agreed to notify the City within 24 hours if Peregrine has a breach but the City does not have indemnification if another agency were to cause a breach.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if Peregrine did not agree to indemnify them with the other agency breaches.

City Attorney Ford reported that they do not have the ability to force the other cities to do that.

Deputy City Attorney Shin said the main crux of the issue is that the City can't force the other cities to indemnify us and they must rely on the DOJ to go after those cities if they violate CJIS.

Councilmember Behrendt voiced his concerns over misuse of information in this digital age, especially the ability to share it with other unknown customers; mentioned he is struggling with it and wanted to know if he could obtain a list of all the other Peregrine data-sharing partners to review and determine if they felt safe.

Captain Mendence stated that none of them would be ICE, or a federal agency related to ICE because of the California State Law; listed out existing Peregrine customers as: Glendale, Gardena, Arcadia, Alhambra, San Bernardino, and Colton and pending agreements are with: El Segundo, LAPD, Torrance, Hermosa, Downey, and Inglewood.

More discussion followed; Captain Mendence noted that it is selecting affirmatively who you want to share with.

Mayor Light wanted to clarify that the City can see who they are sharing data with, and they can de-select them if they want to.

Captain Mendence replied yes, 100 percent, and they can decide what information they share with them.

More discussion followed to clarify the agency sharing.

Councilmember Obagi thanked everyone involved in gathering the information; stated he appreciates what the Police Department does to stay at the forefront with technology; asked if an agency is not on Peregrine and the City sends a request to them, would they get it through CLETS.

Captain Mendence said yes, that is the main mechanism unless there is a case where other agencies are involved or they are aware of someone having information, then they may go directly to the source.

Councilmember Obagi asked if they had to still request through CLETS even if they have Peregrine; added that the hope is that ultimately more communities join the Peregrine system.

Captain Mendence answered yes to both.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the no cost agreement with Peregrine Technologies.

Mayor Light spoke of his work with the National Security Assets during Desert Storm and Desert Shield and in the aftermath of 9/11 and supported the fusion and automation of data sharing; noted if they find themselves in a bad situation then he is willing to live with



it and allowing the legal system to handle it; felt confident in it and fully supported it.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if they are able to drop out of the agreement, terminate it, revise it, or are they locked in for a period once they sign it.

City Manager Witzansky reported they can terminate it at any time.

Discussion went back and forth between Councilmember Behrendt and the City Manager regarding who would be made aware of any violations, how would it be reported, and how will Council be notified.

City Manager Witzansky stated they would commit to Council if there was something that could jeopardize the City into the future, based on actions, they would bring it back to them in the appropriate format; noted it would need to be something of significance for them to bring it back to Council.

More discussion followed on whether Peregrine is obligated to notify them of any breaches.

Deputy City Attorney Shin stated Peregrine is required to provide real-time audit logs.

Councilmember Obagi referenced slide 2B, which showed terms of the contract; read: "If the City determines that approved agency has violated CJIS standards, the City may demand immediate termination of the agency's access. Peregrine must terminate the approved agency's access within 24 hours of the City's request."

Councilmember Behrendt asked a few more questions.

Deputy City Attorney Shin stated that Section 3G of the agreement references the audit logs.

More discussion followed regarding the audit logs, who has access and who would be notified of breaches.

Mayor Light felt that the audit logs are not going to flag misuse just who has accessed the system.

Deputy City Attorney Shin reported it is a combination; Peregrine has to notify them of any breaches and then you have to go back and look at the audit logs; pointed out a lot of this is reactive and remedying after the fact.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Jess Money asked anyone who read the book 1984 to raise their hands, and to keep

them raised if they understood it; told those that didn't to brush up.

Andy Porkchop spoke against it; felt that police put down false information on innocent people; noted it is impossible to get out of the system once you are in; stated he was falsely arrested for robbery; spoke strongly about innocent people being convicted.

Bob Pinzler (via Zoom) stated, a dozen years ago, his company was producing a product that performs very much like what they are discussing; understood the need and value of sharing information; stated breaches and misuses are different and felt they need to assure that a misuse can be found; stated the question really is, what is being shared? what is the value of what is being shared?; noted that Peregrine is an amalgamator of data and their value is hinged upon the volume of data they amalgamate; pointed out that the information in the system has a shelf life and felt it would be important to know the length of time it stays in the system after it is not needed and how the information in the system is disposed of.

City Clerk Manzano reported no eComments and no one online.

Mayor Light asked if they knew how long they kept the data.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned the City has their own destruction policy and their records retention mirrors state law and they have their own internal policies; stated he could not speak on what Peregrine does on their end.

IT Director Cook stated his recollection of the agreement stated that if the City pulls the data Peregrine pulls the data, and the City maintains ownership of the data throughout the duration of the agreement, felt they are in complete control.

Councilmember Behrendt asked a clarifying question, if the City pulls the data, they pull the data and if the City's deletion policy is holding it for 30 days, then the Peregrine system and the customer has to delete if after 30 days?

IT Director Cook said the way it gets removed from their system is the City moves it out of the source system; referenced what was said earlier by Captain Mendence, mentioned it ties into the City's RMS system and the City's LPR system and if the City removes it from those systems, Peregrine cannot access it anymore.

Deputy City Attorney Shin pointed out that any data already downloaded will remain with the member agency.

Councilmember Behrendt also wanted to know how it is handled if the data is being warehoused by Peregrine customers and then held in a pot, or just in the absence of an ongoing investigation or just a one hitter thing and done when its done.

Captain Mendence spoke to cover a few points: 1) if there is a data breach, Peregrine has 24 hours to notify, 2) a misuse of data by a bad actor is a state-of-mind crime and

cannot be prevented but can be proven; and 3) regarding data retention, he gave scenarios such as once data becomes evidence of a crime or suspected crime it is removed but instead retained but if it is not evidence, then it goes away at the end of the retention period; noted there is a certain period for every information type.

In response to Councilmember Behrendt's question, IT Director Cook stated if it can be read, it can be duplicated and unfortunately that is how it is.

Mayor Light asked whether data Peregrine has access to is duplicated and stored on their own servers or if they rely on the City's memory systems for that.

IT Director Cook said his understanding is that Peregrine does keep a copy of the information as long as the agreement is in place and the sharing is in place.

Mayor Light asked if the City removed their data does the Peregrine system automatically remove it on their end.

IT Director Cook felt the level of detail being asked would need a Peregrine representative to answer.

Mayor Light stated he is okay approving it for now but also wanted the information on concerns they have.

IT Director Cook noted that the agreement has terminology stating that the information is the property of the City and that the City determines when it leaves.

Deputy City Attorney Shin mentioned she would have to check the original agreement for the data destruction but thought it was 30 days; noted there were extra provisions in the agreement; stated that Mike Cook reviewed the IT standards.

IT Director Cook stated he recalled the 30 days correctly; added that Peregrine would have to do data destruction within 30 days of termination of expiration date; noted that CJIS has provisions for specific ways in which data must be destroyed so Peregrine would be complying with that as well.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

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

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

John Perchulyn, District 1, stated he was there representing the residents of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Prospect Avenue (the Corridor); referenced a document they submitted to the Mayor and City Council; played an audio for the Council that featured lots of car racing noise and revving of engines; stated that audio was recorded on their property and not a race track; reported that the reckless behavior goes on day and night, which considerably

impacts everyone's quality of life and endangers their lives; provided pictures of large trucks and dump trucks and spoke of concern that there is a major school crossing there; continued to provide pictures of tractor-trailers and double tankers and spoke of the potential dangers they pose; stated he did some stats and discovered almost 1,000 pounds of CO2 is being emitted into their area and impacting the health of all the residents; thanked the Police for their efforts with signage and occasional truck roundups but the effects have achieved very little; stated the City needs to get serious about budget funds for the RBPD so they can do something to get rid of the trucks and implement traffic controlling solutions; looked forward to the Mayor and Council in fulfilling their campaign promises and providing the residents quality of life.

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke about the need to prioritize kids' safety; mentioned that City Council is considering eliminating school crossing guards to save money even though the City plans to borrow millions to cover liabilities due to lower-than-expected tax revenues; stated what is alarming is that the City is also spending 1.3 million to plan a \$17 million gun range; reported that the \$1.3 million was budgeted to maintain the City's Fire Stations but with the passage of Measure FP, that funding became available for other uses; noted the previous Council made a clear commitment to redirect most of that money to long-overdue City yard improvements; stated with the new Council, most of that money was funneled into the gun range; referenced the addendum he sent and pointed out you can see the \$1.3 million went to the gun range and \$150 went to City art; felt it is even worse that the \$1.3 million is only to develop the proposal according to the budget; reported that the full \$17 million cost is supposedly contingent on a federal grant that will cover maybe 70% to 80% leaving Redondo taxpayers owing \$3.5 to \$5 million plus ongoing maintenance costs; felt with current national federal cutbacks, there is no guarantee the grant will come through; opined this effort is driven by political ambition of a Councilmember to carry favor with the Police Union for future campaign endorsement; urged Council to stop the gun range project and focus on the kids' safety.

Jim Mueller, District 5, spoke about home values in his North Redondo neighborhood being jeopardized by weak community planning; described what most of the neighborhood is comprised of and reported that two older single-family homes are being replaced by nothing that matches the aesthetic and ambiance of the neighborhood; referenced pictures he showed Council before and reported a developer has plunked down Soviet-style cement architecture; described the new development as gray, square, flat and cold and noted they are appearing all over North Redondo; stated the result is reverse beautification, its uglification; stated the Planning Department should make sure that designs fit the neighborhood but felt they are just pushing permits through as fast as possible; spoke of the City Manager proudly stating that permits are being approved faster than ever, and that is great for developers but not for the citizens; noted that new construction should not detract from the existing neighborhood and that beauty and charm have economic value; spoke of a proposed liquor store project at Inglewood and Artesia demonstrating the lack of planning in the Planning Department since that area already has three existing alcohol sellers and continuous problems with drunks there; opined there is no planning in the Planning Department and change is needed.

Jess Money, District 3, reported that the Secretary of State opened two criminal investigations: Case No. 8479, Joy Ford and Mike Webb, and Case No. 8480 for Jim Light; stated he sent another compliant to the DA's Public Integrity Unit totaling 23 pages, outlining multiple violations of four Government Code sections: two Election Code sections, nine RBPDP Policy Manual sections, two School Board Manual sections, and Election Code 704 and included 13 exhibits; reported he also brought to the DA's attention the prior felonious practice of paying School Board Members a monthly stipend and health benefits; mentioned the list of offenders now includes Police Chief Hoffman, Fire Chief Butler, Officers Branch, Day, Lofstrom School Board Members Raymur Finn, Dan Elder and former member Brad Waller; stated he also discovered four cases where the State Bar asserted: "An attorney's practice of deceit involves moral turpitude."; named the four cases: McKinney vs State Bar, Cutler vs State Bar, Lewis vs State Bar, and Segretti vs State Bar; reported that the State Bar prevailed in all four cases; said that the City Charter provides that when an elected official commits a crime of moral turpitude, the city shall remove said person and declare the office vacant and he will give Joy Ford and Mike Witzansky until the Council meeting on July 10 to agendize a motion to remove Mr. Obagi and declare his seat vacant; stated if they fail to do so, he will file for a writ of mandamus with the Superior Court to force them to adhere to the City Charter

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file papers from Mark Nelson.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mark Nelson stated two weeks from that evening, the residents of the 500-600 Frontage Road and Prospect will be going to the Public Works and Sustainability Commission to discuss traffic issues; detailed out the intersection and explained the issues; pointed out two primary defects: 1) when headed southbound on Prospect and need to go northbound on Frontage, emphasized it is a really tight turn and tough to navigate, and 2) coming off northbound, Big Prospect, and then flipping a U-turn in the wrong way southbound down the Frontage; reported that he spoke with a civil engineer over the weekend and commented there should be a right turn only lane there since you can only go right anyways; referenced what he submitted and said he put in the yellow line and the right turn only pavement marking for them to see what he meant and felt that would at least get the majority of the violators to think about it; explained that the green are legal parking spots and the red ones are "can't park across your driveway" on the drawings he provided; mentioned his only other issue is it is only a 26-foot wide road, it is not wide enough for parking on both sides and two-way traffic.

Andy Porkchop mentioned he used to be a Redondo Beach resident and commended the City for celebrating the LGBTQ month; reported the Mayor of Torrance kicked him out of the building for calling someone a goon and said that is not freedom of speech; apologized for his behavior early in the meeting and explained that he was upset from a situation that happened to him at the Closed Meeting in the City of Torrance; spoke about the Conservancy Group destroying the bluff by pulling out the ivy.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), North Prospect resident, stated he agreed with the previous speakers, John and Mark; spoke of the North Prospect Avenue median being neglected for decades by the City; mentioned a year ago, their privacy was completely removed without consulting the residents on the street; spoke of their disappointment when the City planted tiny five gallon plants sparsely on the median; questioned why the residents were not consulted; spoke of his involvement in getting something done after they had been neglected for so long; expressed his and the residents of the area's frustration in seeing what the City provided; asked the City to please install 15 gallon plants and repurpose the five gallon plants directly behind; spoke in great detail about the noise level, stated they provided City Council data to back it up and urged them to read it and do something about it; stated they are living in an unbearable 42/7 noise cyclone that is encircling his home and his neighbors homes; spoke of the accidents that have happened in the area and questioned why the City has taken no action, mentioned the smog emissions, and loss of privacy and what it is doing to the residents' mental health and quality of life; noted they did not move into this situation but it has moved in around them.

Salvador Wills (via Zoom) spoke in anger about Andy Porkchop and asked why he is allowed a free pass; stated he is a criminal and sexual predator that harasses children.

Andy Porkchop continually tried to interrupt this speaker's call.

City Clerk Manzano reported no e-Comments and no others on Zoom.

Mayor Light warned Andy Porkchop again for his outburst.

## **J. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Waller reported speaking to the Mayor for L.1 and the Mayor and the City Manager for L.2.

Councilmember Castle reported speaking to both the Mayor and City Manager for L.1 and L.2.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking to the Mayor, Youth Commission and staff for L.1 and staff, the Mayor and the public for L.2.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking to the Mayor and City staff for L.1 and the Mayor, City staff and Councilmember Obagi for L.2.

Councilmember Obagi reported speaking to Councilmember Waller on L.1 and the Mayor, Councilmember Behrendt and staff for L.2.

Mayor Light reported speaking to several members of the Council and City staff for L.1 and received an email related to it from Tim Dodd and spoke to City staff and Council for L.2.

## **L. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN EXTENSION OF THE URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE THAT IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY A 10 MONTH AND 15 DAY EXTENSION OF URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 3294-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF AND FINDING THE EXTENSION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

#### **PROCEDURES:**

- A. Open the Public Hearing;**
- B. Take Testimony;**
- C. Close the Public Hearing; and,**
- D. Approve the proposed Extension of Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3294-25**

**CONTACT:** MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to open the Public Hearing on L.1.

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

Community Development Director Wiener provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item which included:

- Urgency Interim Ordinance
  - o Unanimously approved by Council on May 6, 2025
  - o 45-day moratorium imposed on the approval of any new smoke shops
  - o Proposed Extension of Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3294-25
    - o Continue the moratorium for an additional 10 months and 15 days
  - o Moratorium Status Report included
  - o Planning Commission to review on July 17, 2025

Director Wiener stated what is before Council tonight is an extension of the Urgency Ordinance and that staff is recommending Council extend it 10 months and 15 days as required by state law; noted that the status report included as an attachment with the Staff Report describes what has been done to date on the program and what's planned to address the issues associate with the Urgency Ordinance; stated they have a draft permanent ordinance which incorporated the comments made by the City Council at the last meeting in May where the permanent ordinance was discussed; reported that the Planning Commission will review that in July and it could potentially make its way back to the City Council for consideration in August; stated that the moratorium would go away

concurrently if the City Council adopts permanent ordinance.

- Recommendation
  - o ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY A 10 MONTH AND 15 DAY EXTENSION OF URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 3294-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF AND FINDING THE EXTENSION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Director Wiener concluded his presentation.

Mayor Light amended who he spoke to for L.1 and reported he also spoke to the Youth Commission; stated the Youth Commission would like to consider this when they come back in October; asked if there would be any harm in delaying it until then.

City Manager Witzansky said it is Council's prerogative from a policy standpoint; noted it is just a matter of how quickly they want to get to the details of the new ordinance.

Mayor Light felt that having the Youth Commission weigh in would be important since they are part of the reason they are doing this.

City Manager Witzansky stated they can get it to Planning in July for their input and move the process forward but get the Youth Commission's input in October.

Councilmember Kaluderovic agreed that getting the Youth Commission's input would be good but didn't want to slow things down; noted that with ordinances amendments can be made to them.

City Manager Witzansky stated they can get it to Planning in July, between July and October come back to Council for an update on the framework of the ordinance, and then Council could refer it to Youth Commission, or, to Councilmember Kaluderovic's point, they could adopt and then make modifications based on their feedback after the fact.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adopt by title only a 10 month and 15-day extension of Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3294-25.

City Clerk Manzano reported no written testimonies and no public testimonies.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Andy Porkchop shouted at Council about smoke shops and liquor stores.

Jim Mueller felt that with proper community planning an ordinance for this would not be needed; spoke of City Council needing to create an ordinance for everything the Planning



Department and the City planners have failed to do, especially on Artesia Blvd. ; thanked Councilmember Obagi for recently asking for a review of the alcohol policy in that area; mentioned they know the cannabis policy but have not addressed the other “scruffy” businesses that have been allowed to develop there; felt something needs to be done with the Planning Department.

City Clerk Manzano reported no eComments and no one on Zoom.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read to adopt by title only Ordinance No. 3294-25.

## **L.2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2025-30 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### **PROCEDURES:**

- a. Reconvene the Public Hearing;**
- b. Take testimony;**
- c. Receive and file Budget Response Reports; and,**
- d. Continue the Public Hearing to June 17, 2025.**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

City Manager Witzansky stated this is the third conversation about the 25-26 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program; noted the focus for tonight would be on the City’s Capital Project list and the money that is proposed as part of the five year program; pointed out that when the City appropriates funding for the Capital Program, it is only for the next fiscal year and that money that is identified in the five year plan for the out years is not technically appropriated and only happens in one year increments per the City’s charter requirements; provided a slide on what they would cover tonight:

- Overview
  - General Fund Summary-Operating Budget
  - Capital Improvement Program Presentation
  - Budget Calendar
  - Budget Response Report Summary
  - Recommendations

City Clerk Manzano noted they had not opened the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to open the Public Hearing for L.2.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Manager Witzansky continued his presentation; provided a slide, "GF Summary with Recommendations", and reviewed it with net being just under \$43,000 available that has been unallocated as part of the Proposed Budget; went on to the next slide, "Budget Response Reports" and stated they are at a point where they have submitted to Council the 59 BRR questions and topics; noted 54 were included in their packet that weekend, and the additional five that were outstanding were delivered as part of a Blue Folder just before the meeting; stated all 59 BRRs are available online and will be available via the Budget link; reported they would be resubmitted to Council in a single packet as part of next week's hearing materials; provided a Budget Calendar slide with the following:

- June 10<sup>th</sup> – CIP Focus
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Budget & Finance Commission
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Budget & CIP Adoption

City Manager Witzansky moved on to the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for the 25-26 FY appropriations and the overall five-year plan; introduced Jesse Reyes and turned the presentation over to him.

Jesse Reyes, Capital Projects Manager, provided a slide with an overview of the presentation and described the photos shown.

- Overview:
  - o Why is the CIP important?
  - o Evaluation criteria
  - o Background/history
  - o CIP accomplishments
  - o Funding recommendation
  - o Active CIP Projects

Manager Reyes spoke of the importance of the CIP; stated they are necessary to maintain the quality of life for the residents, businesses and visitors, they help maintain the health and safety of the City, assist in economic development, and assists in limiting the City's liability; provided the evaluation criteria they use to consider projects to add to the CIP:

- Evaluation Criteria
  - o Health and Safety concern
  - o Mandated by State or other regulations
  - o Implements a Strategic Plan goal
  - o Completes an existing project
  - o Supports economic development
  - o Results in future operating savings

- Takes advantage of significant outside funding

Manager Reyes provided a slide with information on the City's last five year history of the CIP Program; noted that the CIP Program has added 82 projects since 2019, and has brought their total down from 120 to 104 projects for the upcoming year; mentioned they expect a \$20-\$24 million range of expenditures in the next year; reviewed the CIP summary for the fiscal year 25-26; reported \$64.3 million in carryovers for a total of 104 projects and \$29.7 million in recommended net appropriations; stated the total CIP Budget for fiscal year 25-26 is about \$94 million; noted that the street projects take the majority of the money in the program; provided an extensive list of FY 2024-25 CIP project highlights which included the Bike Master Plan Project, Dominguez Park play equipment and landscape, MBB resurfacing and signal improvements, International Boardwalk pavers, and the Civic Center landscaping; provided a list of the highlights of the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget and stated their focus is on finishing existing projects and that they only have six new projects; spoke of the 82 projects that were added when the City issued a lease bond for purse payments that created some additional discretionary funding; reviewed some of the existing projects that are main focuses for them; provided a visual snapshot of the estimated carryover funding for next year; explained they are funds that have been appropriated to specific projects but have not been encumbered or expensed; provided a list of 22 items titled "FY 2025-26 CIP Projects – Anticipated Construction Stage" and felt confident, given the output of the last several years, that it was a fair assessment; highlighted a few of the projects from the list of 22: Aviation/Artesia northbound right turn lane (should be completed in the next FY), residential rehab (two phases they should be able to complete), North Redondo Beach Bikeway Extension, Kingsdale Avenue Resurfacing (awarded a contract), and SCE west of PCH (awarded a construction contract); provided a list of 21 items titled "FY 2025-26 CIP Projects – Design" and stated it is a maximum capacity with current resources; from the 21 items, highlighted: Franklin Park Play Equipment (not listed but should be on the list), North Redondo Beach Bikeway Extension (should be coming to Council for conceptual design and approval in the next month or two), Pickleball Facility at Aviation Park (also not listed but should be on the list), and the Riviera Village multi-modal enhancements (\$4 million design Metro Grant they received).

Mayor Light spoke of noticing a pretty big fund balance in some of the street improvement stuff and asked if that was an accurate assessment.

Public Works Director Winje stated that fund combines both M & O funds as well as Capital Funds; asked Jesse Reyes to give more detail.

Jesse Reyes stated every year on the capital side a resolution needs to be adopted by the City Council that specifies which projects the City's SB1 money will be going towards and they will bring it to Council next week; explained that since the program started in 2017, they have gone to Council every year and appropriated almost all of the gas tax money as it pertains to the capital; noted on the operations side they are all combined in one fund; stated that the HUTA funding, which has the various sections of gas tax, and some of those fund balances could be attributed to operational savings over the years

and have led to that fund balance.

Mayor Light wanted to add two requests to the queue but noted they are not a priority:

- 1) Described the area going down 190<sup>th</sup> on to Herondo, where it turns right from PCH on to Herondo, it goes from a wide road to parking, a bike path, and then a one lane road; mentioned complaints he has received from bicyclists who are almost being hit because it turns into one lane; requested bollards there.
- 2) Redesign of Sapphire and Broadway to prevent donut events there every weekend and to get people on Gertruda to stop cutting straight across without turning on to Broadway.

Public Works Director Winje reported the City actually studied that years ago and have had a project on their Unfunded Projects List for it for about five or six years; stated it was estimated at \$360,000 then and probably has gone up a bit; noted it is for the full build out, concrete curbs and parkway; spoke of another option of using K71 bollards and the turtle shells that sit on the ground, paint, and other solutions that disrupt any donuts or other behavior similar to that; mentioned being able to use Traffic Calming Funds that currently exist so they can move forward without making an appropriation in the CIP Budget.

City Manager Witzansky noted that those are their best case estimates; wanted to make two points clear, since they were not on the list Jesse Reyes provided in the presentation: 1) they have every intention of beginning the design process for the Aviation Park pickleball court, the money is there and available to begin the process, and said the motion that has been floated for consideration adds additional resources that would be needed to close the construction funding gap and they are prepared to begin the design of that facility, and 2) if the Franklin Park All-Abilities play equipment installation goes to a singular structure amenities to be installed, it would simplify their design process, and they would have the capacity to both design and install the equipment this fiscal year; noted that they would need to confirm that the final play equipment design is ADA compliant but felt confident they could get both those done in this fiscal year; spoke of the hillside stabilization effort at Dominguez Park becoming more of a priority for the City and explained the reasons why; spoke more on the earlier items regarding the bicyclists' safety and the inappropriate use of the intersection and, if no other appropriations are needed, felt they have the capacity in the Traffic Calming account for both of those initiatives subject to final design.

Mayor Light wanted to set the record straight about the firing range due to the earlier discussion of it; asked for clarification on if it was \$1.3 million allocated towards the pre-application phase to do geo-tech studies and other items.

City Manager Witzansky agreed and said it was subject to last year's budget motion of the Council; reported the current fund balance to be \$1.1 million and that they have done the work necessary to submit their application early next month; spoke of the point of the

grant application is to spend federal money to execute the firing range project rather than the City's; mentioned there is a companion component in the form of the installation of the new and relocated Park Services Yard but noted their commitment to that it based on the outcome of the grant; stated if they are successful in obtaining the grant money it is potentially \$17 million of federal dollars that would be spent to address the problems they have had with training and the neighborhood.

More discussion followed regarding the federal funding and exemptions.

City Manager Witzansky noted that the application date is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Light asked what the remaining \$1.1 million would go towards.

City Manager Witzansky responded that it depends on final requirements for plans and specifications, what they need to do to ultimately commit to constructing the project; stated they are prepared to move forward with that phase if awarded the grant so they can honor the obligation to complete construction within the prescribed time frame.

Mayor Light asked if they are reimbursed from the grant.

Public Works Director Winje said no, certain elements of the project are not reimbursable under the grant; stated planning, design, and environmental work would all be done at the City's expense through the \$1.1 million fund balance.

More discussion followed on the costs and what other items the \$1.1 million would be used for including towards the Parks Yard reconstruction if money is left over.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated that some are considered soft costs that the City would have to cover but only as it pertains to the Parks Yard.

Councilmember Waller added his support to the Mayor's suggestion for the temporary fixes at Sapphire and Broadway; liked the idea of that being a future consideration for a traffic circle and explained it gets confusing since there are five streets and its one big intersection.

Mayor Light mentioned residents will want to weigh in on it, especially if it takes away parking spaces.

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned the alley at Armor Lane was part of the 2023-24 Budget and wondered where that was in the queue.

City Engineer Sablan responded that it is part of the Residential Rehab Program, and it is currently in design and will go out to bid with the next project.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she sees that there are still discretionary funds in District 1, 4, and 5.

City Manager Witzansky stated the updated formulas have those directed to the priority projects and then extinguished; stated they have been transferred to the preference of Mayor and Council into the respective areas; spoke of her suggestion being in Parks Performance Arts account.

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned they are listed in the packet as “Discretionary Infrastructure” under the Recommended FY 2025-26 Project Funding by Project and asked for clarification.

More discussion followed regarding where it is listed and on what page.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated her intention is to have Shakespeare by the Sea continue.

More discussion followed to clarify where those funds were going.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Public Works for all the great work they have done and going forward; noted that residents are very excited about the bike path being extended along the SCE ROW; asked if adding an item to the unfunded CIP really make a difference.

City Manager Witzansky said not particularly unless they are making a concerted effort to continue to find ways to proportionally fund it or phase in funding over time.

Councilmember Obagi asked if the raised intersection at Ford and Ormond would be considered for grant funding if they put it on the unfunded since it would be making the neighborhood more pedestrian and bike-oriented.

City Manager Witzansky explained if it is a potentially feasible project, they could add it to the unfunded list but it would need to be studied first.

Public Works Director Winje said the Broadway/Sapphire/Guadalupe intersection is a great example; stated they studied it and couldn’t do anything at the time but put it on the list for future consideration; noted that the list is not annually revisited, but it sits there for their use.

Councilmember Obagi referenced a BRR regarding Aviation south of Artesia Blvd and potentially adding that to the unfunded CIP and asked when the City does the right turn lane for Aviation Blvd northbound to eastbound Artesia if they will repave any portion of it.

Public Works Director Winje said yes, they will do the center line of the road back to where the parcel ends.

City Engineer Sablan interjected and said they included the whole width of the street.

Councilmember Obagi mentioned the PCI on the portion of Aviation and asked about the condition.

Public Works Director Winje reported that it is among the worst, especially for an arterial.

Discussion followed on whether it should be on the unfunded list, noted that the City is already tracking it for funding, the difficulty involved in finding a funding source, and Prop C is bus eligible.

Discussion ensued regarding partnering with Manhattan Beach on the north part of the area for repaving, stockpiling money to be ready for it, and that it will not happen for at least one more full fiscal year.

Councilmember Obagi reported he spoke to the City Manager about Artesia Blvd train bridge, the MSCIP; clarified for the rest of the Council that if the bridge were to be repainted over a course of time, it would be more expensive versus just shutting Artesia Blvd completely down and getting it done in a shorter period of time.

City Manager Witzansky noted that there are two consideration with the project: traffic control element and that it tested positive for lead paint; stated that they need to abate the train paint first, which then exacerbates the traffic control need but, if they were to shut down the lanes for 24-hours or over a long evening, they would be able to get more work done; stated there is a BRR in the Blue Folder tonight showing they have funding to complete one of the two bridges.

Councilmember Obagi felt Artesia Blvd should be chosen since it is the most blighted and more visible.

More discussion followed regarding where the funds come from, noted it comes from the Cap 300 or Capital Projects Fund.

Councilmember Obagi noted that they did not build or paint the bridge and asked if they could get contributions from Metro, BSF or whomever.

City Manager Witzansky reported they have tried and the best they could do was to get BSF to give them license to be able to access their facility to repaint it.

Public Works Director Winje noted that half of the bridge is in Lawndale; stated he spoke to Lawndale and the Public Works Director there said the City Manager was not interested but there may be more opportunity for conversation there.

Councilmember Obagi stated that Metro plans to run trains over that bridge; posed the question of doing the work at all and said it is certainly up for debate whether \$225,000 should be allocated to it; spoke on a related note, that he did ask the City Attorney whether they had adequate money to continue their environmental investigation relative to the

final EIR that the Metro Board will approve later this year and she assured him they do have enough to continue.

Councilmember Waller agreed that the bridge is very ugly and blighted and felt Metro should do the work since they plan to rebuild that bridge; suggested postponing repairs if Metro is close to working on it.

Councilmember Obagi felt Councilmember Waller brought up a good question but was not sure how quickly Metro can gather funds; stated he appreciates the money there has been allocated in the CIP.

Mayor Light asked if staff were going to have people brief on the BRRs.

City Manager Witzansky responded no, but if anyone has questions, they are available; noted they have five that were submitted by a Blue Folder in the queue.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Wayne Craig suggested to Councilmember Obagi some screen mesh material in front of the bridge may help; spoke about the Proposed Redondo Beach Budget requiring the City paying \$644,000 for school guards; mentioned that the time spent creating a Special Council Subcommittee and having meetings all year with School Board Members yielded nothing; stated they shouldn't be surprised since last year, at a District 5 Committee Meeting, a member of the Public Safety Commission asked the current School Board President about cost sharing for crossing guards and the response was no; spoke about the School District representatives suggesting reducing the number of crossing guards since they don't have enough funds; stated that is unacceptable since the recently passed \$273 million school bond measure means the School District can reallocate money previously allocated for certain expenses to the General Fund and should go toward things like crossing guards; questioned whether or not the School District does not have the money and asked if anyone has audited their books; mentioned there is speculation that if you looked into the special reserve accounts where the money was transferred into it does not show up on the balance sheet; stated that the City pays about \$130,000 per School Board election and covers all the school waste pickups; urged Council to do the right thing for the residents and cost sharing makes sense for safety, budget and trust; spoke about the conflicts in being beholden to powerful city unions or political organizations when running for public office; recommended the City Council members be on the subcommittee since they have proven to be objective and have raised the question of sharing costs.

Susan Higgins, Redondo Beach resident and Pickleball Players Group Lead, stated on June 1<sup>st</sup>, she submitted an email to City Council requesting additional CIP budget dollars be approved for the Aviation Park Pickleball Facility; reported she was there tonight to personally make the request; provided background on the request for the facility noting on March 2024, the Aviation Park open field was designated for the pickleball facility, and in June 2024, \$350,000 was approved as "seed money" and reduced to \$320,000 in the current CIP; stated, unfortunately, the design and formal total cost estimate for the



construction of this Aviation Park Pickleball Facility has yet to happen but felt it should not affect the City Council from allocating additional CIP budget dollars to support this project; referenced the Torrance Wilson Park Pickleball Facility CIP Project and noted that it is a comparable comparison and cost \$1,250,000 for eight dedicated courts, court lighting, fencing and seating; stated the details of the Torrance project were provided in her June 1 email; requested that City Council approve and allocate additional CIP budget dollars towards the Aviation Park Pickleball Facility in the amount of \$980,000 to bring the total budget to \$1.3 million and if not feasible, to at least budget an additional \$600,000 for a total of \$920,000.

Donald Ford, Chair elect of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, asked the City for a waiver of fees for the Super Bowl 10K; spoke about the event being around for 47 years, it is a major fundraiser for the Chamber, and being a non-profit they rely on the event; reported that the cost to stage the event keeps going up every year, including the security and fees the City charges for it; noted that the event benefits the entire community, puts Redondo Beach on the map, generates revenue for the local businesses; and is extremely vital for the Chamber to continue to operate; asked that the City consider the waiver of fees or at least give them a definitive notion of what the fees will be; noted that they have encountered invoices after the event that they were not expecting and it makes it difficult to plan for the event or even possibly host it; asked if they could find some relief on the fees.

Mickey Johnson, President of the North Redondo Beach Business Association and resident, stated she is there tonight on behalf of NRBBA to request their support for a project that hits two of the City's top priorities: generating sales tax revenue and placemaking; noted that the AACAP was adopted by the Council in 2020 and NRBBA is ready to help make that vision real with their support; spoke about a year round Street Light Banner Program for Artesia Blvd that they have developed; stated the initiative will install colorful, professionally designed banners on all 52 street lights between Inglewood and Aviation with a goal to create visual appeal, encourage foot traffic and drive local spending; spoke of the project as also a placemaking project because the banners will transform a pass through street into a destination; stated that more vibrant corridors mean more people staying, shopping and dining in Redondo Beach which will bring increased sales tax revenue for the City; reported that NRBBA is an all-volunteer organization; asked the City for a one-time investment of \$54,000 to help launch the project which will cover the cost of the banners and prevailing wage installation and they will maintain the program from there.

Councilmember Obagi asked if the BRR for string lights on Artesia for \$83,000 was also proposed by the NRBBA.

Mickey Johnson stated yes.

More discussion followed regarding both programs proposed by the NRBBA.

W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich reported it was actually a carry over for mid-year and

have \$20,000 in the CIP program currently for the Banner Program and are requesting an additional \$33,000 to support the Banner Program for a grand total of just under \$54,000.

Councilmember Obagi asked if Director Kapovich supports the program,

Director Kapovich stated he does.

More discussion followed on what the banners would look like.

Bibi Goldstein reported she was there on behalf of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce to ask for their support and consideration for the additional fee waivers for the Super Bowl 10K; noted she is the Chair of the committee that runs the event every year; mentioned she has participated as a runner and now walker of the event since 1998; stated that this event is a major fundraiser for the Chamber and funds many of their other programs and that the City has waived the fees 44 of the last 47 years; asked for some consideration to be given to what past history has been.

Councilmember Behrendt stated he is a big fan of the event; noted that the Chamber may have yielded net proceeds of \$170,000 from the 2023 event but did not see what it yielded for 2024.

Bibi Goldstein stated they do not have those numbers yet and have not been able to finalize the City invoice for 2024 or 2025 yet.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the other members of the Chamber have been asked to participate in the fundraising efforts.

Bibi Goldstein stated absolutely; noted that due to the tragedy of New Orleans security features needed to be added and they were able to share those costs and did have a sponsor for some of it.

More discussion followed regarding members, businesses, and hoteliers helping with costs, and sponsorships, Bibi Goldstein spoke of the reduction of participants to the event, and exhausting all resources.

Councilmember Behrendt asked the City Manager what options they have to propose for the Chamber.

City Manager Witzansky spoke of the challenge they have in securing a 10K course; mentioned they have used Public Works vehicles to try to minimize costs but it is still a big number; spoke of a grant that the Police Department is hoping for that would allow them to fund barricades that they would be able to use at the event next year; stated they have identified the Seaside Lagoon as an after venue activity that would be a big cost savings for the Chamber; hoped that those two additions would bring the invoice down for the Chamber from the City in the following year.

More discussion followed regarding the invoices, discrepancies in the numbers, lagoon fees dependent on the number of attendees, the possibility of adjusting the fees and final invoice.

Mayor Light suggested they try to normalize the amounts to be fair; mentioned the City subsidized \$13,000 for Spring Fest and said that was an impact of \$55,000 or possibly \$68,000.

Councilmember Obagi showed a list of the City's Signature Events.

Mark Nelson wanted to comment on BRR 3, which is the sound wall, wrought iron fence, and W rail for the Prospect/Frontage Road; gave some background on his experience with this project; BRR 3 is a quality of life play; felt it would restore a lot of the lost property value from deferred maintenance over the last 30 to 40 years on the Frontage Road; noted that the decibel level mentioned by Mr. Boyd earlier is above minimum threshold for sound wall; stated the \$3 million estimate for the sound wall is just wrong and provided testimony that corrects it; reported he estimated it at \$229,000 to \$370,000 depending on if only the north segment is done or the whole thing; felt that people south of the intersection, including him, are not very interested in it; noted the W rail is at a reasonable cost of \$69,000 to \$112,000 depending on whether only the north section or the whole thing is done; stated that the advantage of the W rail is that it would stop a vehicle from winding up on the Frontage Road again; opined both are justifiable projects and recommended them for the neighbors.

Bill Baird stated he is part of the Board for NRBBA; spoke of their efforts to enhance the AACAP and doing everything they can to generate more revenue in the northern part of Redondo Beach; mentioned the events that they currently offer; stated the banners may help get people to recognize what's going on and capture the traffic of people; spoke of the hard work of the NRBBA working hard to generate more revenue for the City.

Lisa Olson, District 1, asked for the Council's support in budgeting some funds for the Pickleball Facility at Aviation Park.

Bobby Tradino seconded everything that Miss Higgins said and spoke about pickleball being a growing sport and in need of a permanent facility.

Susan Gallagher spoke of being an avid pickleball player and travelling to Manhattan Beach three times a week to play; stated she supported what Susan Higgins had said earlier.

Mayor Light asked the City Manager if there is value in putting money into that CIP when they have design funds set aside.

City Manager Witzansky said the value is that there's a stated commitment and would get them closer to having a fully funded project when they do go out to bid; felt that the

\$200,000 that has been floated in the motion will not be enough to fully construct the facility.

More discussion followed regarding where the resources to fund the facility will come from.

City Manager Witzansky reported they are requesting Quimby funds for the facility and they have about \$400,000 unallocated Quimby funds in the proposed CIP.

Councilmember Obagi asked if that money accrues interest.

City Manager Witzansky said not to the Quimby funds.

Karen Aguiliar, Redondo Beach resident, spoke in support of the pickleball facility and all that Susan Higgins said earlier; mentioned they have been attending City Council meetings and requesting pickleball courts for years; noted they are now asking for capital improvement funds to finally bring the courts to fruition at the Aviation facility.

Mara Santos thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they are doing; asked if there is anything else that the City can do to continue support of the Super Bowl 10K event; stated the City's partnership is crucial for them to run the event.

Mayor Light asked Community Services Director Hause if they could arrange a sit down with the Chamber to discuss the Super Bowl 10K event and he would like to be a part of the discussion; asked the City Manager if that was okay.

City Manager Witzansky said yes, any pre-planning they can do to assist next year's event would be helpful; noted the key players with the City would be Public Works, Traffic Unit with PD, and Community Services.

Mark Hansen, in regards to the Chamber, spoke of his experiences with City events and how it was handled in the past; mentioned he has been on the Chamber Board for a couple of years and has noticed that some of the bills are a lot more than they expected and hoped the City could help come up with a number; as a King Harbor boater, stated he was happy to see that the funds were reinstated for the Mole B Moonstone Master Plan; reported that he found a technicality on the numbers and found that \$250,000 was estimated for engineering for work to be done and it somehow got subtracted out and if they put that back in it would correct the mistake; suggested that the City work with the Harbor Commission that Chevron gave them \$2.4 million.

Dr. Nasrin Moghadasian stated she has had her practice in Redondo Beach for 25 years and been a resident for 30; mentioned she is on the Board for the Chamber; added to what others spoke about earlier regarding the contributions the Chamber brings to the City; noted that the City spoke about helping them next year but pointed out that they need help this year.

Andy Porkchop, stated he was Phil Gardner, spoke about the South Bay Parkland

Conservancy ruining the bluff; felt it was a conflict of interest for the Mayor to advocate for funds for his own neighborhood.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), North Prospect resident, voiced his frustration at listening to additional funding for pickleball and traffic calming for Broadway; asked about traffic calming for North Prospect Avenue where it is really needed; mentioned the funding for CIP projects and asked if North Prospect Avenue residents qualify for that quality of life and safety that Mr. Reyes spoke about in his presentation; listed the numerous projects included in the CIP funding and wondered why no funding was being put toward solutions for real safety and noise issues for the North Prospect Avenue median; noted that he finds no enjoyment from this and is simply fighting for what is right for himself, his family and the neighborhood; urged the City to make it better by installing the 15 gallon plants on the median and repurpose the five gallon plants behind them and designate proper funding for a safety and sound wall; stated that Councilmember Kaluderovic had indicated in a neighborhood meeting that there was \$200,000 plus existing budget for upgrades and improvements for the North Prospect Avenue median; spoke of a six foot wall being sufficient and estimated at \$250,000, not \$3.1 million; urged the City and Council to stop denying them and do the job right; noted a guard rail would also be nice.

Brianna Egan stated she is strongly in favor of a number of BRRs but mainly wanted to focus on Prospect Avenue; voiced her support for the Community Proposal for a Safer Prospect Avenue and gave more details about the proposal and how it would benefit the community and offer more street safety for bicyclists and drivers; noted they have been supported by numerous organizations and wanted to provide support for looking into funding for a corridor study of Prospect Avenue; named other projects she is in favor of including enrolling Beach Cities Transit in the Metro GoPass and opportunities to build raised crosswalks, add crossing guards, and increase revenue to the City by pricing parking fairly.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one else on Zoom and six eComments: five in support and one is no comment.

Mayor Light asked if any staff could speak on the GoPass BRR.

Community Services Director Hause stated there are two aspects to the Metro GoPass:

- 1) The agreement that the School District would need to engage in with the County with Metro in order to enroll their students and subsidize the GoPass for their students.
- 2) The City's portion, which is activating existing equipment so that the City can receive the GoPass; noted that this is zero cost to the City since they already have the equipment in place.

Director Hause stated they can initiate it and even other students from other communities could use it; mentioned if the School District in Redondo Beach chooses to subsidize, they can but it would result in a loss to the City in terms of revenue.

Discussion ensued regarding the loss of revenue and whether it depended on the School District subsidizing it or not.

Director Hause clarified that if the school funds the GoPass, the City loses money and if they don't, everything is kept status quo.

Councilmember Obagi made a clarifying statement that if somebody with a GoPass from another city comes into Redondo Beach, swipes their card, the City gets money but if the School District adopts it, the City gets less revenue from Redondo school children but it opens up their transit possibilities across the County.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked the City Manager to explain the \$3.5 million deficit and the UAL payment being more than last year.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the UAL payment this year is \$4.3 million and the City is able to cover about \$800,000 of that through current core revenues and proposed actions in the budget, the City needs a \$3.5 million transfer in from their set-aside account for pensions to cover the balance; stated their hope a year ago, was that they would be transferring about \$2 million from that account to cover UAL this year; noted the delta there is their bearishness on TOT revenues next fiscal year; felt what the City is going to be watching for over the next year is: where does the next year's figure come in from PERS, which they will receive in August, and the estimate for the 2026-27 UAL payment, which is supposed to be another \$4.3 million but stated it will not be and depends on final actuarial adjustments and performance of investments in the 2023-24 fiscal year and the 2024-25 fiscal year; said they are hopeful that they will see another couple million dollars of structural revenue come online; reported they are about \$1.5 million behind schedule versus where they hoped they would be last year.

Councilmember Kaluderovic wanted the answers for the community's education on where the City is financially.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Obagi stated that since Councilmember Behrendt and he shared their idea for the budget it has been amended; mentioned that they have not heard from the other Councilmembers as to what is important for them in the budget and said now is a good time to get their ideas.

Councilmember Castle said from his perspective, for District 2, a number of initiatives and important items and projects that they have talked about at various meetings are actually incorporated; listed a few of the projects such as the retrofit at the Fun Factory, various investments at the Waterfront and around Mole D; stated that getting the properties online at the Waterfront will be key in driving the revenue for the City; spoke about TOT tax and property transfer tax being drivers to their economic development and when tourism is down and home sales are down in California it impacts the City's budget; stated those are reasons they came out with a conservative estimate in making the budget.

Councilmember Waller noted that things that he wanted got absorbed by costs which

made it a lot easier; stated he would support the BRR 4 Inclement Weather Shelter, BRR 11 Metro GoPass, pole hardware for Riviera Village, Harbor Drive, Artesia Blvd. Councilmember Obagi interjected to ask if the pole hardware in Riviera Village needed replacement; noted the pictures did not look like they did.

City Manager Witzansky felt Harbor Drive is worse, but both needed to be replaced.

Mike Klein, Public Works Deputy Director, reported that the castings on them are starting to corrode, the banner hardware is affected by the winds and are weakened by the movement; noted that they have the banner poles for Artesia and need to reallocate more money in hardware for the Riviera.

Councilmember Obagi asked if they install banners will they need to be replaced continually.

Mike Klein replied no, he is going to a different type of wind-resistant hardware.

More discussion followed regarding the cost of the banners.

Councilmember Waller said he saw the BRR with the crossing guards that had the usage, the number of riders, the number of walkers, the number of cars going through, how busy the intersections are and if they wanted to revisit that he would support a discussion on prioritizing the number of crossing guards they need.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated that there should be an understanding that anything they are allocating money for is money being borrowed; noted that if they do allocate money it needs to impact the financial future of the City; stated she is not in favor of reducing the number of crossing guards but is open to reallocating them and opening that discussion with the community and may make a referral for it.

Mayor Light stated he understands that it will take more funds to finish out the Wilderness Park Master Plan and wouldn't want to allocate any more money to it this year; said he is supportive of the decision packages that are in the main document; said, regarding BRRs, he is generally against adding cost but is supportive of the ones that will increase revenues; spoke in support of the GoPass since the Youth Commission requested it and supports anything that reduces the cost of projects they have already committed to; said he does want to be cognizant of the City's signature events and hopes they can work jointly with the Chamber to get that cost down.

Councilmember Obagi, regarding the Super Bowl 10K, wondered if re-routing the event would cut down costs and noted there are several intersections in the current map; wondered what other fee reductions they could suggest to actually cover costs.

Councilmember Castle reported in BRR 31 staff did make recommendations to the Chamber for ways to cut costs.

Councilmember Obagi put his and Councilmember Behrendt's updated motion on the screen; provided an overview; suggested a location for a Pride art monument which would use some of the \$450,000 that has been allocated to Artesia Blvd art; continued to review the projects in the updated motion.

Discussion ensued on parts of the review of the updated motion.

Fire Chief Butler spoke on the fee schedule for the Harbor; noted that it is already the master fee schedule and approved by previous Council.

City Manager Witzansky cautioned on banking any new estimated revenue against those fees for the time being.

Councilmember Castle, regarding the Harbor master fee, asked if they could find out what the impact would be since they have a lot of signature events down around the Harbor.

Fire Chief Butler estimated that 80% of their tows are not necessarily emergencies; spoke about the master fees being approved and that they can educate using the boater alert network to let people know of the posture the City is taking.

City Manager Witzansky noted that those fees would go to the Harbor Tidelands Fund.

Councilmember Obagi continued to review the updated motion with some discussion intermittently throughout.

Discussion of the Teen Center allocation ensued regarding the list the Youth Commission submitted and the desire for the teens to spend as much time there as possible.

City Manager Witzansky suggested that Councilmember Obagi be less prescriptive with what they buy for the Teen Center but just allocate the funds to the Teen Center.

Community Services Director Hause reported they did a survey and an open house for the Youth Commission and that is where the list of items they wanted came from.

Mayor Light voiced concern over a 3D printer being provided at the Teen Center and felt it would be better supervised at the library.

Library Director Vinke felt the 3D printer could be placed anywhere as long as there is proper supervision.

Mayor Light asked if there would be supervision at the Teen Center.

Community Services Director Hause stated an 18+ staff member will be on-site and they have part-times along with full-timers to cover that.

More discussion followed regarding the 3D printer and cost and other items for the Teen



Center.

Councilmember Obagi continued with the review accompanied with discussions from Council and staff.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file the updated motion and briefings.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to continue the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to recess for a five-minute break at 10:30 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

#### **ROLL CALL – 10:39 p.m.**

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager

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

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

##### **N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED THREE-YEAR GOALS AND TEN-MONTH OBJECTIVES IN THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

**CONTACT:** LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Luke Smude provided an overview of Item N.1; provided a PowerPoint presentation which included:

- Strategic Planning Process

- Utilized since 1998
- Specialized City meeting
- Facilitated by Leading Resources – Jane Harrington
  - Accomplishments – 94 total
  - SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
  - Set priority areas and goals
    - 48 objectives – assigned to departments with a date to bring back to Council
- Proposed Matrix
  - Priority Areas
    - 1) Economic vitality
      - a. Enhance the Waterfront
      - b. Revitalize Artesia Blvd
      - c. Position RB as a destination for business investment
      - d. Revitalize the PCH Corridor
    - 2) Public safety and community well-being
      - a. Implement Measure FP
      - b. Strengthen the City's mental health response and community support systems
      - c. Further enhance the approach to homelessness
      - d. Continue to leverage technology to enhance public safety, emergency response, and community resilience
    - 3) Infrastructure and public spaces
      - a. Rehabilitate City roads and critical public facilities
      - b. Expand and enhance public spaces, amenities, and programs
      - c. Enhance alternative transportation options
    - 4) Customer-centered service delivery
      - a. Improve customer service by expanding the City's use of digital tools and online services
    - 5) Community stewardship
      - a. Advance environmental sustainability and climate resilience
      - b. Preserve and promote the City's historic resources and neighborhood character
- Recommendation
  - Review the Proposed Matrix
  - Confirm Priority Areas, Goals, and Objectives
  - Approve the Strategic Planning Matrix

Luke Smude stated their hope is for Council to approve the Strategic Planning Matrix this evening; mentioned, if it is approved, staff would work to achieve the goals and would bring back to Council any items necessary for Council action; noted there would be a monthly update on the Strategic Planning Matrix to go over progress of the objectives and goals.

Mayor Light mentioned there were three items he felt were critical that were dropped that he would like to see added back in:

- 1) Briefing on the research the W.E.D Department has done on Harbor organization and operations
- 2) The plan for the sea level rise and the climate change in the Harbor area
- 3) An objective about what the City is prioritizing as far as marketing in the Harbor areas for properties; expressed wanting to explore a land swap in the Harbor area near Seaside Lagoon for what is now the Gold's Gym so that the City can increase the marketability of the Gold's Gym site and not restrict it because it is part of the Tidelands right now.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned staff could describe it to Council in a report, including what the process would look like to consider an exchange and working with the State Lands Commission, who is the arbiter of that final determination.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky suggested that, rather than wordsmithing tonight, Council give staff general topics and trust them to incorporate them into the final adopted plan as amended.

Councilmember Obagi read, per BRR 8, discussion staff to provide reports to City Council and options to consider public/private partnership for Redondo Beach branded swag, apparel, online store, and wholesale local vendors; spoke of there being a halfway, in-between where the City would just do revenue sharing with somebody who has licensed the City's apparel and doesn't need to be exclusive.

City Manager Witzansky noted that would be a discussion on the options available to pursue; stated a more focused conversation is needed.

Councilmember Obagi brought up discussion on BRR 16 regarding the King Harbor sign; asked if the font should be changed to match the City font, if the City flag needed updating, and selection for the banners; stated they will need to make the investment in the Public Works Yard and just wanted to keep it on their radar; spoke about the discussion regarding BCT accepting Metro GoPass.

Community Services Director Hause stated GoPass could be launched at any time.

More discussion ensued regarding GoPass.

Councilmember Kaluderovic felt RBUSH shared expenses and agreements should be on the Strategic Plan.

More discussion followed regarding School District agreements, shared costs, and other issues.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Andy Porkchop spoke angrily about the Waterfront and about his frustrations with power stations and electric cars.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the Strategic Plan as amended with the comments of the Mayor and the Council.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Witzansky reminded everyone of the Juneteenth celebration out in front of the Library on Saturday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None**

**Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to create a Crossing Guard Subcommittee with herself, the Mayor, and one more Councilmember to discuss the challenges with the crossing guards, how to best address all the needs of the community with the City's current funds or a reduced number of crossing guards

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Councilmember Obagi asked City Attorney Ford to advise the Mayor as to when he can boot or shut down a disruptive speaker or what warnings she could provide.

City Attorney Ford stated a professional conduct is going to come back soon.

**R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**R.1. 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:**

**St. Laurent, Marcia v. City of Redondo Beach, Howard E. Wood, Susan C. Wood, The HS Wood Family Trust and Does 1-100, Inclusive  
Case Number: 25TRCV01441**

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None**

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 11:12 p.m.**

**T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH DAWIDZIAK, FORMER REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

**T.2. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CRAIG WELDAY, FORMER REDONDO BEACH FIRE CAPTAIN**

Mayor Light stated they would adjourn in memory of Joseph Dawidziak and Craig Welday.

City Manager Witzansky stated he has heard from people that worked with Craig Welday that he was a very respected member of the department and will be missed; noted Joseph Dawidziak had a great sense of humor and dedicated a lot of time to the City.

Mayor Light mentioned that Bob Pinzler wrote a nice article about Joseph Dawidziak in the Easy Reader.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 p.m. in honor of Joseph Dawidziak and Craig Welday.

The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

The next meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will be 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, June 17, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA.

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, CMC  
City Clerk