



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, June 17, 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, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: Behrendt

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

**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:**

**City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board Case Number: 20STCP03193**

**F.2. 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:**

**In re 9300 Wilshire LLC Bankruptcy C.D. Cal.**

**Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

**F.3. 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:**

**9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive**

**Case Number: 23STCP02189**

**F.4. 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:**

**In re 9300 Wilshire, LLC (9300 Wilshire, LLC et al. v. AES-Redondo Beach, LLC) Bankruptcy C.D. Cal.**

**Case Number: 2:23-ap-01163-ER**

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

**Name of case:**

**Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive**

**Case Number: 23TRCP00325**

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

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive**

**Case Number: 23STCV10146**

**F.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The**

**Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach**

**Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

**F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.**

**Case Number: 23STCP00426**

**F.9. 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:**

**AES Southland Development, LLC and AES Redondo Beach, LLC v. California Coastal Commission**

**Case Number: BS157789**

**F.10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director**

**Brian Campbell, BC Urban**

**PROPERTY:**

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

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Integrative Peptides, LLC**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

**F.11. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session**

is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Brian Campbell, BC Urban**

**PROPERTY: 160 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7503-029-902)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Jason Kolb, Scholb Premium Ales, Inc.**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION: Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

**F.12. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director**

**PROPERTY:**

**309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Made by Meg - Meg Walker**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms**

**F.13. 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:**

**MacDonald, Phyllis v. City of Redondo Beach; County of Los Angeles; State of California; and Does 1-10**

**Case Number: 25TRCV01747**

Analyst Villa read titles to items that would be covered in Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Joy Ford, Outside Legal Counsel Jon Welner and Abby O'Brient, W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich, BC Urban Outside Real Estate Advisor Brian Campbell, Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause, Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta, Senior Deputy City Attorney Cristine Shin, and Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden.

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

Motion carried 4-0-1 by voice vote. Councilmember Behrendt was absent.

**G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:03 P.M.**

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

**H. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Kaluderovic

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

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky reported, under Item F.13, the Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to defend the City; for Items F.10 and F.11 they were joined by W.E.D. Manager Katherine Buck; for the record, Councilmember Behrendt was also present for Closed Session.

**J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-1 by voice vote. Councilmember Kaluderovic was absent.

**6:00 PM – OPEN SESSION – REGULAR MEETING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor 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  
Laura Diaz, Deputy City Clerk/Records Mgmt.  
Coordinator

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

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

Benny, Senior at RUHS, led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Light reported he had two presentations and proclamations.

#### **D.1. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF JUNE 19, 2025 AS JUNETEENTH IN REDONDO BEACH**

Mayor Light invited Councilmember Castle to the podium with him; proclaimed June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth in Redondo Beach; asked Dr. Marcus "Goodie" Goodloe to join them at the podium; noted that Dr. Goodloe is a respected leadership development professional that has played a key role in strengthening the leadership of the City's Public Safety Department; mentioned he is an accomplished author and serve as an adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University; spoke of the history of the holiday and reminded everyone what it symbolizes and represents; encouraged everyone to participate in the local events, support black owned businesses and engage in conversations that move everyone towards a greater understanding; stated on behalf of the City, he wanted to thank everyone who helped organize Juneteenth events throughout the community.

Dr. Goodloe asked, "What street do you live on?"; spoke of a confederate military leader name Richard Dick Dowling who, although honored in Houston, TX as a co-founder of the Houston City FD and had a street named after him, was a reminder to many African Americans of the inhumanity, hatred, and violence he promoted over his lifetime; mentioned Dowling Street was changed to Emancipation Street on June 17, 2017; felt honored to accept the proclamation on behalf of those who were committed to living in a nation where the color of their skin would not determine the street on which they could live on, as a reminder for us all to live considerate of the question, "What street do you

live on?", spoke of the question shifting people's focus to a concern about others, not of where they come from or what they have, and encourages people to be curious about the well being of others; quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, who said: "We fear each other because we don't know each other" and spoke about intention in spending time with each other.

Councilmember Castle mentioned he was originally from Texas; spoke about his great grandmother's history dating back to 1865 and reported she was there when the US Navy landed at Galveston, TX; reported she started an orphanage and a vocational school for former slaves and that her husband, Jeff Castle, founded many churches around the state of Texas; spoke of meeting Goodie and having a connection with the Friendship West church in Dallas and the connection to Juneteenth was very special for him; mentioned the Saturday celebrations of Juneteenth, Summer Reading, and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Library was great.

Mayor Light presented on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redondo Beach a Proclamation of Juneteenth to Dr. Goodloe.

**D.2. MAYOR'S COMMENDATION TO THE RUHS THEATER ARTS PROGRAM FOR THE AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE 16TH ANNUAL JRAY AWARDS SHOW**

Mayor Light announced commendation awards for RUHS students who entered their production of Hadestown Teen Edition into the prestigious John Raitt Awards for Youth (JRay's competition); explained the process of applying and entering into the competition, noting that the JRay's team evaluated 27 high school productions across LA, Orange, and Riverside counties; reported that the RUHS students received 21 nominations announced on May 4, 2025; mentioned several of the students applied for scholarships and that Benny Spangler was awarded one; explained Benny will attend a week long training program in NYC and will work directly with Broadway professionals; reported the JRay's awards and ceremony took place on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse; invited Melissa Staab to say a few words about her students and the program.

Melissa Staab spoke of the hard work the students endured in producing the show; spoke of how proud she was to work with all the students in the production; stated it is an exciting honor for all of them.

Mayor Light awarded Melissa Staab and all the student participants of the show commendations; the students provided the Mayor, Council, and attendees a short experience of their production.

Mayor Light continued Item D.2; stated Public Rules of Conduct have been posted all around City Hall, the Chambers, and on the podium; reported he had his first Olympic Committee Meeting to prepare for the Olympics and provide attractions Redondo Beach residents can take advantage of; presented a plaque to Quantimetrix, noted they have

been in Redondo Beach for 30 years; spoke of the Juneteenth and Anniversary of the Library celebrations.

Councilmember Castle thanked staff for the Juneteenth celebration; mentioned attending the second anniversary party of the Community Garden at Alta Vista over the weekend.

Councilmember Kaluderovic announced the City is putting on Shakespeare by the Sea performances this year and will be partnering with Michael's Café to provide some picnic boxes; stated the dates for those performances are July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Obagi thanked staff, especially Library Director Dana Vinke, Jane Chung, the Fire Department and the Police Department for the Library and Juneteenth celebrations; reported that Councilmember Castle was not only the first black Councilmember for Redondo Beach, but he won by 75%.

Councilmember Waller stated he attended the Library and Juneteenth celebrations, and the Cruise at the Beach event; reminded everyone of the Riviera Village Summer Festival on June 27th through June 29<sup>th</sup>; thanked staff for the new speed table crosswalks at Alta Vista Park and in Riviera Village

**E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Mayor Light requested Council to move Item I to after P.1 and Item N.1 after J.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to move Item I to after P.1 and N.1 to after J.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**F. AGENCY RECESS**

**F.1. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to move to the Special Meeting of the Redondo Beach Housing Authority.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING FROM AGENCY MEETING – 6:43 p.m.**

**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  
Laura Diaz, Deputy City Clerk/Records Mgmt.  
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## **G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

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

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Blue Folder Items J.1, L.2, BRR #2A, BRR #13A, L.3, and N.1.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file the 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 17, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

### **H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

### **H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: NONE**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

### **H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS CHECKS 30251-30270 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,224.78, PD. 6/6/25 DIRECT DEPOSIT 295884-296538 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,359,582.43, PD. 6/6/25 EFT/ACH \$9,310.73, PD. 5/23/25 (PP2511) EFT/ACH \$467,646.37, PD. 6/2/25 (PP2510) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS CHECKS 119869-120152 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,185,826.71 REPLACEMENT DEMANDS 119864-119868**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

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

**1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH URBAN GRAFFITI ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$12,150 AND TO EXTEND THE TERM TO OCTOBER 19, 2025**

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

**2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTINE WILLIAMS FOR A LICENSE TO USE ORIGINAL ARTWORK DESIGN “WHIMSICAL WHEELS” AS PART OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ARNELLE VERVIALLE NGO FOR A LICENSE TO USE ORIGINAL ARTWORK DESIGN “THE WHIMSICAL WAVE” AS PART OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GENEVIEVE ESSON FOR A LICENSE TO USE ORIGINAL ARTWORK DESIGN “PEOPLE ON THE BEACH WITH SEAGULLS” AS PART OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD RAYNER FOR A LICENSE TO USE ORIGINAL ARTWORK DESIGN “ENTANGLEMENT #34” AS PART OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**6. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COLLEEN ANN MURPHY FOR A LICENSE TO USE ORIGINAL ARTWORK DESIGN “REDONDO BEACH PIER” AS PART OF THE UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**7. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE REDONDO BEACH PALLET SHELTER TO EXTEND THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2026**

**CONTACT: JOY FORD, CITY ATTORNEY**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.6. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.7. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-037, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDED BY SB 1 - THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

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

**H.8. APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT #9200000000M550722 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMUNICATION AND NETWORK SYSTEM - PHASE 2 PROJECT**

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

**H.9. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF 23 TASER MODEL 7 CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES, ACCESSORIES, AND EXTENDED WARRANTIES, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2030, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$114,323.70, UTILIZING SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS**

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

**H.10. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ERIC ARROYO TO CONDUCT POLICE SWORN AND CIVILIAN APPLICANT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,000 AND THE TERM JUNE 21, 2025 TO JUNE 20, 2026, WITH AN AUTOMATIC ONE-YEAR EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 20, 2027, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$66,000**

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

**H.11. APPROVE THE CONSENT TO THE SIXTH AMENDMENT OF THE SUBLEASE BETWEEN RDR PROPERTIES, LLC AND JOOMI OH FOR THE PREMISES AT 100 C FISHERMAN'S WHARF**

**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.12. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-039, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO OPEN LINES SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION, P.C. APPROVE A LEASE WITH OPEN LINES SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION, P.C. FOR THE PREMISES AT 105 W. TORRANCE BLVD., SUITE 200, FOR THE TERM JUNE 17, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 16, 2030**

**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.13. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR FOR A MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH AN ANNUAL COST OF \$344,522 AND A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,033,567 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 31, 2028**

**CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR**

**H.14. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-041, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.15. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 996, WHICH, IF APPROVED BY STATE LEGISLATORS, WOULD ENHANCE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH SEA LEVEL RISE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS**

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

Councilmember Behrendt just wanted to comment that for H.15, he felt the Administrative Report and letter were very well done.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to approve the order of the Consent Calendar from H.1 through H.15.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

City Clerk Manzano reported on one on Zoom and one neutral eComment.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-037, Resolution No. CC-2506-039, and Resolution No. CC-2506-041.

**I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**

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

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

Joan Irvine, District 1, stated she was there as Founder of Keep the Esplanade Beautiful (KEB); mentioned it was established in 2012; thanked Councilmember Waller for serving as Vice President for KEB for several years; thanked Jeff Ginsburg for serving as President, as he chose not to continue that role; announced Lisa Happee as the new President of KEB and provided her background and experience.

Lisa Happee-Cates stated she is honored to be there as the newly elected President of KEB; stated one of their core goals is community engagement and they have done it through their monthly First Saturday Sweeps, regular Facebook outreach, and by partnering with groups like RB School Board, Leadership Redondo, RBPD, Citizen 41 Class, BCHD and local scout troops; spoke of volunteers from the community regularly helping out; mentioned that KEB has never asked the City for money since they have been fortunate enough to have supporters; stated they are launching scholarships for RUHS and South High, formed a new marketing committee and plan to do more with the high school students to get them to be more environmentally aware; noted they have a couple of requests: 1) To be included in the LA28 Planning Committee, 2) ensure the \$100,000 from the John Parsons Public Art Foundation remains allocated for public art on the Esplanade, and 3) request that the Cultural Arts Commission issue an RFP for artists and designs as soon as possible so they will be in place for the major events; announced KEB will host their annual community mixer on October 22, 2025 at H.T. Grill and invited all to the event.

Mayor Light requested that budget requests be made in the budget deliberation.

Robin Garfield stated is the Vice President of the NRBBA, a 20-year resident and business owner, thanked Councilmember Waller, Marc Wiener, Dave Charobee, and Katherine Buck for attending their annual meeting; mentioned that their success has been due to the support of local businesses and the City; stated they were honored to present the award of Business of the Year for 2024-25 to Al Hamra Kabob Grill and Fahad Siddiqui (the owner) and Volunteer of the Year to Camron Routzari; spoke about the successes of their Dine Around Artesia event and noted they will have two dates this year: August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>; talked about the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Fest; announced they would be having an AI Lunch and Learn event on Thursday; spoke about all their

past, present and future events that help empower and foster connections that make the City thrive.

Mickey Johnson, President of the NRBBA and 30 year resident, stated at their annual meeting last week, they announced their 5-year Strategic Plan for NRBBA; said it was the first time they have ever done that and they forwarded a copy to the City Council; read their mission statement: "A dynamic alliance of businesses, residents, and leaders working together to fuel economic vitality, champion innovation, and strengthen the cultural fabric of our community."; gave reasons for their 5-year plan: Metro Green Line extension, Mayor's Committee for the 2028 Olympics, South Bay Galleria Redevelopment, and the Artesia Public Art Program; noted there are 22,000 people within a half mile of Artesia Blvd and their Strategic Plan was set with the AACAP in mind; stated the NRBBA's goal is to help the City enhance place-making and support economic development and keep residents informed.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to receive and file Mark Nelson's documents.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mark Nelson referenced a mailer he received for the new design of the intersection across from Beach Cities on Prospect/Frontage; referred to the handout he provided and said there are some changes that he would like to highlight; mentioned he spoke about it at the Public Safety meeting the night before; explained the recommendations he felt would be better suited, which included a "Right Only" sign, instead of red reflector stickers to have a "Do Not Enter" sign, clear visibility at the bus stop by creating a red zone in front of it and noted there have been reports of child predators in the area, and red curbing everything inside of the intersection; noted that on the left of his submission is the proposal from Public Works and on the right is the counter proposal.

Mayor Light asked City Manager Witzansky to make sure the Public Works staff receives a copy of Mark Nelson's counter proposal.

Leo Montenegro, resident at 529 Prospect Avenue, spoke of his unhappiness with the work that is being done with the landscaping in their neighborhood; felt the authorities of the City need to be more responsible and do a better job; reported that all the residents on that street are very unhappy; mentioned the accident that knocked down the electrical pole and the other dangers that the neighborhood faces; asked the City to please do something.

Darryl Boyd, resident of 521 North Prospect Avenue, stated the residents of 500-600 North Prospect Avenue are "sitting ducks" due to cars going at dangerously fast speeds from the 4-way stop at Anita and Herondo, past Beryl Street and onto North Prospect Avenue; reported there is no safety barrier on the median in front of their homes and they need real solutions and real improvements; stated twice cars have run over that median and onto their street and a light pole was taken out with the car landing upside down and

the City has done nothing; felt the City has been negligent in protecting the residents from fatalities, excessive noise levels that cause anxiety and stress, situation that negatively impact their property values, and extreme traffic conditions; reported they have the data to prove the noise level is beyond excessive; spoke of the City taking down the dead 8-10 foot Oleanders that gave them privacy and noise deflection for over 30 years; mentioned he sent a PDF file to all of the Councilmembers and the Mayor with pictures and asked if anyone looked at them; asked why the residents were not consulted before removing the dead Oleanders and they are now forced to live without the barrier.

Holly Osborne, District 5 and 40-year resident, spoke about the Metro proposal to put an extension of the Green Line; noted Metro is completing the final EIR; asked the citizens of Redondo Beach to support the decision of Lawndale, Redondo, and Hawthorne City Councils to back the Hawthorne Blvd option and be ready to go to the meetings when Metro announces their meeting.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, stated she wanted to address the serious lack of decorum at the June 10, 2025, City Council meeting; felt the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City staff all deserve to be treated with the upmost respect; spoke of first amendment rights but felt the Council Chambers is a sacred space and there is never a place for profanity; stated no one should be subject to that level of inappropriate behavior and felt it could lead to dangerous circumstances; suggested rules of decorum be implemented immediately.

Mayor Light mentioned she may not have been there earlier, but they have posted rules of conduct.

Laura Duke wanted to remind everyone that this is the last weekend of the art show being held at the Redondo Pier; noted the art is inspired by poetry and the Friends of Redondo Beach Arts is hosting the event; mentioned there are five different galleries including immersive installations, interactive work, oils on canvas, lithographs, and a giant steel horse; felt art is calming and is needed at this time; gave details on where to find the event at the Pier; brought cards with the information to submit.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to receive and file the information cards brought by Laura Duke.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Barnard DuBois came to speak about the 500 and 600 block of Prospect Avenue; voiced concerns over the safety of cars coming off of Prospect and the possibility of them rolling down and hitting objects or people; spoke about the size of the trees that were planted and did not feel they would protect the neighborhood from cars; stated the design proposed for the one-way street takes away parking in front of his house; suggested a 6 foot wall or guardrail from 605 to 515 as a solution.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if he said the plan submitted eliminates parking near

his home.

Barnard DuBois stated yes, it is in front of his house.

Mayor Light reported they are beyond the 30 minutes allowed for this section and closed the Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

## **K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Waller reported he spoke to the Mayor, the City Manager, and the City Attorney about the budget; stated he also inadvertently saw Councilmember Obagi's Google Doc, which was updated since the last meeting but did not influence his decisions for tonight's budget.

Councilmember Castle reported speaking to the City Manager and the Mayor on the budget and Elizabeth Hause on the service grant.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking to the Mayor, staff and the public on L.2 and L.3.

Councilmember Obagi reported speaking to the Mayor, Councilmember Behrendt, staff and the public on L.2 and L.3.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking to the Mayor and City staff on L.1 and to the Mayor, Councilmember Obagi and City staff on L.2 and L.3.

Mayor Light reported speaking to the City Manager on L.1, and the City Manager, all the Councilmembers on L.2 and L.3, and on L.2 he spoke to the Finance Director, W.E.D. Director, Community Development Director and City Attorney staff.

## **L. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE:**

- a. Open the Public Hearing and take testimony;**
- b. Solicit input on the public service grant recommendations and the draft FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan; and**
- c. Continue the Public Hearing to July 15, 2025.**

#### **CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to open the public hearing on L.1.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Community Services Director Hause stated Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director leads all of the City's CDBG grant management; mentioned they have a presentation on the Draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

Deputy Director Orta stated this is the required annual reporting that they must do as a receiving body for community development block grants or CDBG; explained that the Annual Action Plan is the City's roadmap of how they plan to allocate the funding that they get from CDBG; noted it is all tied back to their 5-year Consolidated Plan that Council approved in May of this year for 2025 to 2030; stated that this year's Annual Action Plan goals and allocations are consistent with the goals that were stated in the Consolidated Plan; noted that for the upcoming fiscal year they expect to receive \$295,609 from HUD; showed a slide on the History of CDBG Funding (2010 to 2024) and noted the fluctuations to their funding allocations for a number of years; stated they are on an upward trajectory within the past three years and are in good standing with HUD; showed a slide for their Proposed Budget featuring a pie chart with a breakdown of their basic funding areas; reported that \$152,147 goes to Public Facilities (the largest amount), second largest amount of \$59,121 goes to Administration and Fair Housing, \$44,341 goes to Public Service Agencies and \$44,000 goes to the MA/ER Program (Mobility Access and Emergency Repair Program); noted that the homeowner needs to qualify for the MA/ER Program and can get up to \$7,000 for home improvements for either mobility issues or emergency repairs; provided the next slide titled Proposed Public Service Agencies Funding with the providers broken down and said this is where they need guidance from the City Council; the breakdown was as follows:

- St. Paul's Methodist Church – Project: NEEDs: \$10,864 – provide hot meals and a food pantry for the homeless
- Disability Community Resource Center: \$7,538 – provide training and support for low-income seniors and those with disabilities
- 1736 Family Crisis Center: \$10,864 – provides services for domestic violence victims
- Harbor Interfaith Services: \$7,538 – provides homeless services
- Venice Family Clinic: \$7,538 – provide services for mental health and trauma victims

Deputy Director Orta moved onto a slide with the timeline needed in order for the Annual Action to be approved; stated there is a 30-day public review period that was publicly noticed and is currently going on from June 12<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>; reported today is the first public hearing, which is just to introduce the item and provide any feedback; noted they will come back on July 15<sup>th</sup> for the second public hearing for Council to formally adopt the Annual Action Plan which would give them plenty of time to submit to HUD; stated, for tonight, they are asking for feedback on the item and to continue the public hearing to July 15<sup>th</sup> where they will hopefully adopt the proposed plan.

Mayor Light asked where they came up with the amounts for the Proposed Public Service Agencies Funding.

Deputy Director Orta provided some explanation and stated it is a combination of the request from the agency and then how they feel the City can best allocate the funding fairly across all the different organizations.

More discussion followed.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to continue the public hearing to July 15, 2025.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**L.2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET, 2025-2030 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-042, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

- a. Reconvene the Public Hearing, take testimony;**
- b. Close the Public Hearing;**
- c. Receive and file Budget Response Reports; and**
- d. Adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-042, incorporating the adjustments identified in BRR 1 & 1(A) and the final City Council motion.**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Mayor Light explained this is the continued public hearing to consider the Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan and the associated BRRs.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to reopen the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Manager Witzansky stated the goal this evening is to consider adoption of the Proposed 25/26 Fiscal Year Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; reported this is the fourth discussion on the budget, per the calendar; provided a PowerPoint presentation; stated the City has roughly \$43,000 unallocated in the Proposed Budget that Council can take action on; noted that the additional payments and funding sources seen include a transfer of \$3.5 million from the City's pension reserve account to cover various expenditures in the proposed FY; showed a slide of the CIP Summary, which included

roughly \$94 million of total funding and \$30 million of that is new money; reported that the majority of the new money was acquired through grants; spoke of the hard work the Public Works team does in order to keep a continual flow of money from outside sources; reported in 2024-25, the City completed about 22 projects, designed and awarded another 17 and are estimated to spend a little over \$18 million in the next FY; the next slide featured Decision Packages overview and highlights; stated there are 52 DPs and they improve the City's structural budget position at about \$340,000; noted they do have one-time items allocated to cover various needs and gaps in service; stated they have 18 DPs that address enterprise fund spending; spoke of new positions in the organization having either third-party funding to support them, are offset by a reorganization of existing positions and generally have a slight impact to the GF budget with one exception, which is the allocation of additional resources in the Tidelands Fund for the Captain position; noted that position was trialed and piloted last year and is being proposed for addition to the City's core budget; reviewed the one-time initiatives including crossing guards, employee wellness, ongoing technology costs and tree trimming; spoke of improvements to the Community Development building plan check process and using a third party operator to supplement existing operations; reported 59 total BRRs; asked Council to include the BRRs listed as #1 and #1A, which he explained is improving and formally codifying formatting change to the Proposed Budget document that were caught after it was delivered; reported a new BRR 2, which they refer to as 2A and reflects the Budget & Finance Commission's recommendation from their review of the budget last Thursday; noted there was a spreadsheet formatting concern with the original BRR 13 that was updated through BRR #13A; showed a slide of Recommended Actions:

- 1) Re-open Public Hearing
- 2) Take Public Comment
- 3) Adopt the FY 2025-26 Budget and Five-year Capital Improvement Program including BRR #1 and #1A

City Manager Witzansky mentioned Council can include other things in their motion but any item that differs in the Proposed Budget on a fee basis is something that they must capture in the subsequent item associated with the City's Master Fee Schedule consideration.

Councilmember Obagi mentioned the Mayor had requested \$50,000 for marketing for the Olympics and FIFA; asked the Mayor what the Olympic subcommittee plans to do with the money.

Mayor Light said it is a placeholder, they have only had one meeting so far but determined they need to start a marketing campaign to attract Olympic teams from other nationalities to use the City's facilities to practice or to stage events; mentioned Culver City has already started to do this; noted they would need to use some towards advertising.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned speaking with the Mayor about it and felt he would be judicious with the money; stated it is for the purpose of generating interest in their City in connection with the Olympics and thought it would be a good opportunity.

Mayor Light noted that two of the Councils are on the commission and they will report back if they plan to spend any of the money.

Councilmember Obagi referenced a public comment in regards to the art on the Esplanade; mentioned the City has about \$100,000 set aside from the John Parsons Fund for art on the Esplanade; asked the City Manager where they are in terms of advancing the funds for it and can they use the consultant that the City just contracted for the Artesia Blvd project to help determine what should go on the Esplanade.

City Manager Witzansky did not think the funds had been advanced and that the project is still in pre-concept, pre-design stage; mentioned the Public Art Commission has been focused on the Artesia Project; to answer Councilmember Obagi's question, he said the consultant could, for a fee, assist with the Esplanade but they would also need to amend the agreement; warned that they need to be careful and take one step at a time and get projects done before starting on new ones.

Councilmember Obagi asked where the City was on the Gate Wave.

City Manager Witzansky felt the underground utility concerns had been resolved, they have identified a spot within the grass turf area that will allow for full scale art installation, and now they are just waiting for the artist's availability.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she gave her budget motion to the City Finance Director and passed out a copy to the rest of the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to receive and file the budget motion from Councilmember Kaluderovic.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Councilmember Kaluderovic started with the money taken from the PERS unfunded accrued liability reserve in the amount of proposed \$3.5 million and noted the City's payment, this year, is \$4.3 million; questioned the City taking \$3.5 million from the reserve.

City Manager Witzansky responded yes, that is correct, and currently, the estimate for the next 2026-27 FY payment is also roughly \$4.3 million; noted that number will most likely not be correct and they will find that out in late July or early August.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced the City Manager Witzansky's earlier summary; noted that the delta is \$2.5 million and sits somewhere in the City's expenses.

City Manager Witzansky reported it sits in the City's UAL.

More discussion ensued regarding the City's expenses being higher than expected and the ability of the City to absorb more of that payment in the ensuing FY.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated her proposed budget took that into consideration and she is reluctant to add any ongoing expenses that the City cannot cover.

City Manager Witzansky stated if at the end of the current 24/25 FY there are some savings, they will recommend it goes back into the reserve account.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated they need to keep in mind they need to save for other things; mentioned part of her motion is that the City absorbs things that were previously funded by grants from Beach Cities and are no longer funded such as EMS training and equipment, the domestic violence program, truck routes, and many others; noted the first part to her motion was to reject DP 14, tree trimming; stated the residents don't understand the financial strain the City is in; wanted to clarify if the radios for the vehicles in DP17 could be purchased at a later time.

City Manager Witzansky stated it could technically be delayed.

Councilmember Kaluderovic continued with her proposed motion; asked that the City hold off on new positions until they have the number for their expected UAL payment for next year and they have a clear understanding of their financial outlook for next year; added with that she is asking to hold off on DP 12, which is paramedic school for the firefighters, since once they go through the school they would be hired as paramedics; wanted to hold off on positions for Harbor Master Captain, Social Media hire, the MSO supervisor, and the Community Services Senior Analyst; wanted to add to the City's core budget, instead of as one-time, DP 15, 25, and 43; amended DP 2 to increase to \$2.25 per hour, change DP 9 similar to Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt; spoke about DP 10 operating at a loss to outsource.

City Manager Witzansky spoke on DP 10 and explained their reasons for it.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about the senior lunch program and felt they should be able to change it to a net zero for the City.

Discussion followed regarding the cost and incrementally increasing over time.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke of DP 45 being a great opportunity for the City; proposed the annual parking fee be increased by \$50 this year and another \$50 the following year; compared their parking fees to Hermosa and Manhattan and stated they are under both; stated she proposed a Signature Events amendments to create a structured tier system; mentioned BRR 49 and wanted to add the Inglewood and 182<sup>nd</sup> intersection as an unfunded CIP; supported the preferential parking zone permit; wanted the residents from Prospect that came to speak to know they are being heard and a lot of things are currently in processes for that area; reported that the crossing guards were fully funded in DP 24; named a few other BRRs that were approved and continued down her list.

City Manager Witzansky added more explanation regarding FD equipment life cycles.

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned they need to have more discussion on other revenue generating opportunities; mentioned the confusion regarding overtime and how it is budgeted and reported.

More discussion followed with City Manager Witzansky going into more detail and stated he could have a greater conversation about that at a later date.

Councilmember Kaluderovic mentioned making a future BRR for replacement of PP and E for the FD.

Mayor Light strongly opposed the removal of the Harbor Master and mentioned the positives Captain Mahoney has already brought to the Harbor; listed out the added demands that have been put upon the Waterfront; reported the Harbor enterprise is the only enterprise in the City that has funded itself while still providing positive revenue to the General Fund.

City Manager Witzansky added, if you look at the data, the Waterfront is the City's chief economic engine currently.

Mayor Light continued to list out reasons why the addition of the Harbor Master should not be removed; stated he is dead set against the removal of that position; supported the tiered Signature Events and noted the way the BRR was structured was useful.

Councilmember Behrendt thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic for the work she put into the budget motion; voiced his concerns in rejecting the tree trimming budget, felt that the residents will not understand that the City cannot trim the trees but want them to pay for EMS fees, parking fees, etc. plus the safety issues involved in not taking care of that for residents; gave his thoughts on the radios for the FD vehicles, paramedic school, Harbor Master, social media full-time position, and the MSO supervisor position and felt none of those should be removed; felt there is flexibility in some of the other positions mentioned.

City Manager Witzansky added some points to the topic of positions and noted they can be flexible with some if the circumstances become dire.

Councilmember Behrendt continued down the list of items on Councilmember Kaluderovic's motion and gave his input.

City Manager Witzansky provided input regarding the service delivery for the Community Development in regard to building permits and plan checks.

More discussion followed regarding the implementation of the contract for the plan checker, the impact of not approving permits in a timely manner or plans for businesses to open and weighing the cost to benefit of contracting out the work.

Councilmember Behrendt felt the Senior Lunch Program was a great program for seniors and was reluctant to agree to raising the fees, felt the pickleball tournament would be

great, touched upon the parking permit fees.

More discussion followed regarding parking permit fees and meter fees.

Councilmember Behrendt felt the addition of Inglewood and 182<sup>nd</sup> to the unfunded CIP list was a good idea; continued to give feedback on Councilmember Kaluderovic's budget motion.

Discussion regarding tree trimming ensued.

Community Development Director Winje spoke regarding the tree trimming contract and gave more explanation; mentioned there could be potential dangers and notable aesthetic impacts to the City's streets without tree trimming.

Councilmember Behrendt continued down the list and asked for some clarifications from Councilmember Kaluderovic.

Councilmember Obagi opined that referrals in the budget don't have any impact and noted the City Manager doesn't listen to them when done in that manner; felt it is better to make referrals in the Strategic Plan or make them at the end of the meeting.

City Manager Witzansky agreed that he prefers them to be made in the Strategic Plan but understood that some discussion about items is needed.

More discussion followed regarding referrals and the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about the short term rentals and felt Redondo Beach is not a community that wants the situations short term rentals would bring; mentioned sales and use tax is a sensitive subject and he wouldn't want to burden the residents with more; suggested that the School District put in another \$100,000 this FY, mentioned the SD has a \$2.5 million unallocated reserve fund and focused on public safety for the bond measure; asked the City Manager to communicate that to the SD.

City Manager Witzansky referenced the meeting last week where the Council approved the item to proceed with the tweak to the SRO contract; noted they have not yet communicated that amendment adjustment yet or the change in term and can add that request to increase the amount from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the next FY.

Councilmember Castle added that when the City first implemented that program with the first officer, the cost was approximately \$200,000 and the SD paid half of that; recommended they ask the SD to pay for one officer since they have two fully staffed officers there; stated sharing that expense was the original spirit of the program.

Mayor Light thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic for putting everything down in detail; invited any other comments from the other Councilmembers; suggested, after they hear from the public, Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt go backstage and put together a

recommendation based on all the feedback so they can vote on it.

Councilmember Waller spoke about residents really caring about tree trimming; stated that he hears about all tree matters from his district and is hesitant to cut the tree trimming budget; mentioned he is neutral on the radios if it does not impact the General Fund and ambivalent on the paramedic school; agreed with the Mayor on the Harbor Master; noted that Redondo Beach can use the revenue from parking citations and the MSO Supervisor would help with that situation; felt the Social Media position would be revenue generating by bringing more attention to Redondo Beach; felt they could hold off on the Community Services Analyst; went through some of the DPs and gave his thoughts on whether to modify them or not; felt on increases that smaller increases would be his preference instead of trying to pull back if they do too much; voiced that he would like to see money go towards the inclement weather for the unhoused; felt the banner hardware is a good investment into the community; supported BRR 40 since it is ongoing revenue; agreed that the intent for the SRO contract was for the SD to pay 50%; agreed with holding off on the Economic Development staff member at this time (BRR 34).

Councilmember Castle deferred tree trimming to those Councilmembers whose districts it affects; mentioned speaking to the boaters at the King Harbor Yacht Club and the Port Royal Yacht Club and they really love having the Harbor Master there in addition to the Fire staff; stated the fees they have decided to start charging will offset the cost of the Harbor Master and probably generate more; spoke about the construction projects in the Harbor and the future business it will bring to that area; mentioned the Community Service Senior Analyst will be covered by grant funds so he is fine with that; spoke of the events coming up such as the Olympics and the World Cup and felt the social media position will be instrumental and in time will pay for itself; asked if Chief Hoffman could expand on the need for DP #25 and DP #43 regarding the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program.

Chief Hoffman mentioned the program has been in place for a long time and the funding requested is for the coordinator position; noted it was funded by a grant from BCHD, but the City is no longer receiving those grant funds, and the coordinator position is integral to the whole program.

Councilmember Castle asked Chief Hoffman to expand on the Public Safety Wellness Program and how it helps with the recruiting and overall, well-being.

Chief Hoffman explained that, in the past, Public Safety took a reactive approach to mental health and physical wellness and they are trying to change that thinking and be more proactive; stated they would like to create a positive culture within the department and invest in the wellness of their people which would result in a mentally and physically healthy staff; noted that the best marketing would be their own employees speaking highly of their job and organization.

Councilmember Castle asked the City Manager if he has seen an increase since they started charging for parking at the Harbor, specifically Mole D.

City Manager Witzansky said he is hopeful with increased enforcement and participation in the Waterfront that they will see an increase and said that is why he is recommending the MSO and supervisory support there; stated they did not adjust their parking estimates specifically to the Mole D change but where they will see the benefit is the reduced expenditure associated with the parking meter attendance since that is not Pay-By-Station.

Councilmember Castle mentioned the lost of revenue from free parking during the holidays; noted that now the problem is lack of parking at the Riviera Village and could they recover the \$35,000 in lost revenue by eliminating the free parking during the holidays.

City Manager Witzansky stated yes, they could recover that loss if they eliminated that one week of free parking.

Councilmember Waller mentioned the RVA merchants would be very annoyed to lose the one week since they were upset when it was reduced from a month of free parking.

More discussion followed regarding parking complaints and loss of revenue, the proposed budget vs the alternative proposed budget.

City Manager Witzansky wanted to make clear, the budget included the current level of subsidy, any adjustment to the previous amounts is either positive or negative to the budget on a bottom-line basis.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic for preparing her budget motion; felt her underlying concern is the economic uncertainty of the world; mentioned the President has both house of Congress and regardless of what anyone thinks of the President, no President wants to lose that power or control and he must bring the economy to a soft landing by the midterm elections; stated that is his disposition.

Discussion ensued regarding the reserves for CalPERS, CalPERS investment outcomes, and how they affect the UAL number.

Councilmember Obagi noted he became a Councilmember right after Covid when there was similar uncertainty; agreed with everything Councilmember Behrendt said, especially with regard to adding ongoing expenses to the City's core budget; stated he is fine vacating projects they have funded if the City falls on hard times and need to restore those funds back to the General Fund; reviewed more of Councilmember Kaluderovic's motion and asked for a few clarifications; spoke of the Harbor Master position and felt the morale of Station 3 has been very good since the Harbor Master has been in place.

City Manager Witzansky noted that the Harbor Commission is also very much in support of the recommended and proposed DP for the Harbor Master.

Councilmember Obagi referenced the radios for the new Fire Department vehicles and

said they come from the Emergency Communications Fund and that is what it is for.

Councilmember Kaluderovic clarified that her motion is to just delay the purchase of the radios since the trucks will not be purchased for about two or three years.

Councilmember Obagi felt, considering the Fire Chief's statement about the percentage, that the paramedic school is needed; spoke about the senior lunch program and the need to keep the lunches at \$4 but it also helps promote other Community Services programs.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Lee Coller, District 3 and Harbor Commissioner, spoke in support of the Harbor Master position; mentioned he is a long-time parking permit user and felt it is worth the purchase unless it goes up to \$225 to \$275; noted at some point the residents will hit a cost where no one will purchase them.

Mickey Johnson stated regarding the Signature Events, the NRBBA is happy with the way it is going and support it; reported they are retracting their request for holiday lighting for Artesia Blvd due to the bad budget year; asked that the City does consider the full Banner Program that they can change out 4-5 times a year; felt that it is really important to start the AACAP moving forward.

Councilmember Obagi asked if the \$63,545 was sufficient for the full Banner Program.

Robin Garfield responded yes to Councilmember Obagi's question; wanted to reiterate what Mickey Johnson said about the City's decision to reduce the Signature Event fees.

Mark Nelson wanted to thank Darryl Boyd for the project he advocated; stated he would be happy to provide testimony and exhibits to support BRR 3 for the sole purpose of keeping it in the CIP for another year; spoke about BRR 22 having no funding associated with it; reported he owns one of the two homes in the intersection that will be red curbed and stated most intersections do not allow for parking inside the intersection anyways; mentioned the incident where Ciara Smith was killed at Knob Hill and PCH because of bad construction on the disabled ramp and does not want that to happen again; spoke of the situations that could be dangerous near Parras and Bruce and Beach Cities; felt if the area needs to give up a couple of parking spots and red curbs and other things to get a functional intersection then that is what needs to be done; thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic.

Mark Hansen requested to make a submission.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file Mark Hansen's submission.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mark Hansen mentioned he is representing the Chamber tonight and the rest of the Chamber leadership are getting ready for the State of the City for tomorrow morning; spoke of the entrant fees and shortening the 10K to a 5K and asked if the City could find more wiggle room on the fees; asked that Council does not forget about the Olympics; noted he is on the committee and will be meeting with marketing people tomorrow and will need funding; spoke about the math needing to be fixed on regarding the CIP on Mole B since they did not end up hiring Hirsch & Associates; mentioned the boat parade and possible barricades; stated he supported putting the Economic Development Director position on hold.

Joan Irvine stated the City would not be in this situation if they had CenterCal that would have brought in \$400 million to fix up the City's pier on the Waterfront and felt it would have brought in \$2 to \$3 million a year in taxes; added that businesses do not want to come into Redondo Beach because it is so difficult to come in; felt the situation the City is in is sad; felt pickleball tournaments and cannabis dispensaries would bring in a lot of revenue; mentioned there is \$100,000 in the John Parsons Public Art Fund and asked that the City move forward in making the Esplanade more attractive.

Mayor Light clarified that the City's own analysis on the CenterCal Project showed a negative cash flow for 16 to 23 years until it became cash flow negative.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, suggested instead of increasing parking permits that the City should increase the fines for people who exceed the limits on parking meters; wondered, if they do increase the parking permits and see more business, revenue and tax base increases, if the City would decrease the fee at some point; referenced Councilmember Obagi's statement about LeBasse Projects helping with the Esplanade project and stated the people that should be helping with the Esplanade project are the Cultural Art Commission; recommended the City use succulents for landscaping; asked if the rules that the City posted are online.

Mayor Light stated not at this time, and they are revamping the Rules of Conduct for the whole Council; mentioned that the Bluffs are dictated by the Fish and Wildlife and it's a Blue Butterfly Habitat, so specific habitat is required there.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), 500 – 600 North Prospect, continued where he left off earlier; spoke of the small three to four foot high twigs that will take many years to grow and that the residents are forced to live with zero safety, privacy, and sound barrier; noted that about 125 of the 200 have been planted and asked where are the rest; stated that the concrete manhole platform directly in front of his house was skipped and reported sending the Council a picture of it in a PDF the week before; described it as a wide open gaping hole, staring straight into his property and there are two more in front of 529 and 603 and asked why they where skipped; asked why the residents were not asked for input and who is making the decisions; noted that the City has not deferred maintenance at the 500 and 600 block of North Prospect but has ignore maintenance and upgrades to the street for decades; stated they have lived under unsafe and unbearable conditions and ignored while the City's pet projects are prioritized over them; stated that according to

Councilmember Kaluderovic there is \$200,000 plus in the budget for that median and he has asked about it and received no response; noted they only need \$50,000 to \$100,000 to do the things the right way, which includes a safety and sound barrier; urged the City to do better.

Nancy Skiba recommended keeping the week of free parking during Christmas but doing it the week before Christmas when people are shopping and going out to eat.

City Clerk Manzano reported no more online and three eComments.

Councilmember Obagi asked Councilmember Waller if he preferred to change the week of the holiday parking at the Riviera Village.

Councilmember Waller said yes and would prefer the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Obagi reported the data on the parking permit fee showed that there is elasticity of demand and the City has already lost 10% by moving from \$110 to \$175; asked Council if they would be open to moving it up to \$195 this year, noting that would be the roof for a while.

Some discussion followed.

Councilmember Obagi put up 2B and reviewed his and Councilmember Behrendt's amended budget motion based on discussion, comments made, and Councilmember Kaluderovic's budget motion; some highlights noted:

- DP #2 – increase of .25 cents next year
- DP #9 – same as Councilmember Kaluderovic
- DP #45 - allocating subdivision trust funds for the Perry Park fence, \$71,866
- Adding same funds for Pickleball Aviation
- BRR 25 – fencing on Grant Avenue - \$45,800
- BRR 29 – Comcate and Access Redondo upgrade
- BRR 35 – pursue grant funding for sensory rooms at the libraries
- BRR 36 – update the City logo on King Harbor gateway signage
- Implement the EMS 911 Response Fee and Harbor Master Fee Schedule
- BRR 38 – flag replacement at International Boardwalk, \$10,000
- Ongoing expense for meters at Herondo
- Increase revenue from the meters at Herondo
- Artesia and Harbor banners per the NRBBA's requests - \$63,545
- Riviera Village banner hardware - \$41,000
- DP 45 – Annual pickleball tournament
- Overtime for Public Works
- Tree trimming and BRR 36
- Seaside Lagoon fees
- Recreation Coordinator

- BRR 24 unfunded CIP
- Add Inglewood and 182<sup>nd</sup> intersection improvement
- BRR 57 increase parking permit

More discussion followed regarding parking permit fees.

- BRR 33, BRR 27, BRR 30 mentioned
- Adopt Councilmember Kaluderovic's proposed Signature Event subsidies
- General Fund balance at about \$75,120

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked Director Hause related to the BBR 27, Perry Park Teen Center Amenities if what is being proposed is adding an additional \$24,000 but currently the budget has \$58,000?

Director Hause said they have the funds to help furnish the space, make it modular, and address the basics of what the teens have asked for and the \$14,000 covers their "dream list".

Councilmember Kaluderovic and Councilmember Obagi discussed BRR 25 regarding the Grant Ave fencing.

Discussion followed regarding the Domestic Violence ongoing expense.

Councilmember Waller asked about BRR 11, the Metro GoPass.

Discussion followed that it is in the Strategic Plan and the only potential impact would be if the SD opted in.

Mayor Light asked the City Manager for his thoughts.

City Manager Witzansky stated the motion actually improves the structural budget on a conservative basis by about a half a million dollars on an annualized basis going forward once fees are fully implemented; felt comfortable with the motion as long as his financial staff is confident in it.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to recess for 5 minutes to allow the City Manager and staff to review the numbers.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

## **RECONVENE FROM RECESS – 10:22 p.m.**

### **Roll Call**

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Behrendt, Mayor Light, Obagi (arrived at 10:23 p.m.)

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Stephanie Meyer, Finance Director  
Erin Smith, Analyst

City Manager Witzansky stated everything tracked as it pertained to the General Fund and they noted that some of the additional fee increases reflected in the motion did not result in updated estimates; stated they are comfortable with the unallocated fund balance figure at the tail end of the motion.

Councilmember Behrendt seconded the motion.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced BRR 22 for Prospect and wanted to clarify that Public Works Commission is reviewing the changes that have been proposed, and those changes regarding direction and traffic calming are all fully funded as of now.

City Manager Witzansky said yes, the proposed modifications to striping and some of the delineation that is being considered are all fundable through the Traffic Calming Project account that exists today.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced a comment made earlier regarding a specific allocated amount for the particular section of improvement along Prospect in the median and asked if those were general funds and not specific to Prospect area.

City Manager Witzansky said correct, the City is using funding out of the Maintenance and Operations budget.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to close the public hearing on L.2.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Councilmember Kaluderovic thanked Councilmember Waller for bringing up BRR 40 on Herondo and said she fully supports it; noted she also supports the Quimby investment allocated for the Perry Park fencing and pickleball; wanted to reiterate and clear up she sees value in all the positions that she marked and none were targeted.

Mayor Light called the vote on the budget motion by Councilmember Obagi and Councilmember Behrendt

City Clerk Manzano asked if they could include to receive and file budget response reports and the resolution.

Amended motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to amend the motion to receive and file the budget response reports and the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Behrendt  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

Motion carried 5-0.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title on Resolution No. CC-2506-042.

Mayor Light thanked City staff, Councilmembers Obagi and Kaluderovic for all their hard work.

City Manager Witzansky thanked Finance Director Meyer and Analyst Smith for all their work as well.

**L.3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED USER FEE AMENDMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; COMMUNITY SERVICES; POLICE; AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-045, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-043, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-046, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-044, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

**PROCEDURES:**

- a. Open Public Hearing and take testimony;
- b. Close the Public Hearing; and,
- c. Adopt by title only Resolution Nos. CC- 2506-043, CC- 2506-044, CC- 2506-045 and CC- 2506-046

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to open the public hearing for L.3.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Manager Witzansky stated their recommendation is to consider the proposed resolutions and their exhibits, which are the Master Fee Schedules; stated they have a few modifications based on the final motion;

- 1) Adjusting the annual parking permit fee from \$175 to \$195
- 2) Preferential parking fee to \$35 Non-coastal and \$50 Coastal
- 3) 3% RBPAC maintenance surcharge fee
- 4) \$1 increase to the Seaside Lagoon fee

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

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve with the changes discussed.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-045, Resolution No. CC-4506-043, Resolution No. CC-4506-046, and Resolution No. CC-2506-044.

**M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

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

**N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FIRST RESPONDER FEE**

**DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH WITTMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC. TO ADMINISTER THE NECESSARY BILLING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE AND RETURN IN JULY WITH AN ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT APPROVAL**

**CONTACT: PATRICK BUTLER, FIRE CHIEF**

Mayor Light noted they moved Item N.1 to after J in the Order of the Agenda.

Fire Chief Butler spoke about the EMS User Fee that the City is looking to implement in the Fire Department; reported that the RBFD responds to about 7,000 emergency medical incidents a year and that state law allows them to charge a user fee; clarified that a user fee is designed to charge the fee to those people that use the service and explained the difference between that and a fire response, which is normally covered by property taxes; noted the escalation of need for EMS for the fire responses and that several cities in the area charge the user fee; mentioned it varies from \$200 to \$600 and would offset a lot of the costs the FD incurs because of the equipment and service needed when EMS is required; stated by adopting a user fee it will fairly charge the people that use the service and unburdens the General Fund and taxpayers; noted there is a process to follow and Wittman Enterprises is a well-known EMS billing company that they would use; reported they would come back on July 15<sup>th</sup> with the final contract; stated he is in support of the implementation of the user fee and gave some brief information on payment processing and state law.

City Manager Witzansky added that Chief Butler put together a FAQ sheet that was circulated via the Blue Folder; stated it would be a two-step process and, based on Council's decision tonight, they would come back with a final contract on July 15<sup>th</sup>; noted it is critical to the Council's conversation in advance of their budget because it has been discussed in the proposed motion by Councilmembers Behrendt and Obagi, which includes revenues generated from this implementation.

Chief Butler stated the company has given the City more favorable terms with the first year being \$15 per account they open and the contract can be terminated at any time; felt \$313 is a fair fee to charge for it.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky noted the implementation was approved in 2010 for \$100 for the service but no approach was taken to create a policy for collection services or billing; stated in 2023, as part of a motion, the fee was increased to \$313 but due to unique circumstances it is being presented at this meeting.

Mayor Light noted he was against the fee at first because he was concerned people would be scared to call due to the charges; realized that most people would be okay with the \$313 fee and also insurance may pay for it; noted that the facilities that care for the elderly do charge the residents for care services and this should be part of that service; reported he does support the implementation.

Councilmember Castle asked if the platinum level of service is maintained with this system.

Chief Butler stated the fees, and the structure have nothing to do with their response times and service.

Councilmember Castle asked if they have seen a change in usage patterns with super users when the fees are implemented.

Chief Butler said the bills go to the patient, but they have spoken about taking some action against the facilities with the state agency since they are health care facilities and if they cannot provide the proper treatment they should not be subsidized by the local government.

More discussion followed regarding the equipment, transport, drugs, etc. needed for the calls and the costs involved.

Councilmember Waller spoke of the lift assist brought up by Mayor Light and hoped that this implementation would alter the way the facilities think in calling those in; asked how many of the RBFD are trained paramedics and certified.

Chief Butler reported that the majority of the RBFD are paramedics and that some of the ER doctors prefer they treat the patient in the field because of their high level of training and superior equipment; expanded that modern protocols are to treat the patient at the scene and then get them to the hospital.

Councilmember Waller asked about subscription services that the Administrative Report mentioned.

Chief Butler noted that some cities actually make more money from subscription service; explained that people pay a flat fee, then if there is a call for service to the home the person would not get the \$313 bill; mentioned it is a popular way for communities to pay extra a year and provide that coverage per household.

Councilmember Obagi asked if the elderly care facilities instruct their staff not to pick residents off the floor and whether that is a workers' compensation issue.

Chief Butler stated that is correct and spoke of the elder care facilities putting strict rules in place for their staff not to be liable in case they make matters worse; opined it is what they are there to do and it may also be due to workers' comp.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she supported this item in 2023; noted that she was not aware of the new law that would have potentially caused an issue; asked that the Council be made aware of any information that may affect items they have approved; stated she supports it and would move to approve it.

Chief Butler noted that he did present on the law mentioned last year and submitted a report on it.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to complete the draft agreement with Wittman Enterprises.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Georgette Gantner asked why this fee is being assessed and who is assessing it.

Chief Butler explained if you call 911, it is an EMS call and the FD responds to the home, there will be a \$313 fee assessed for that EMS response to the user and it is used to offset the costs of the EMS.

Councilmember Obagi asked Chief Butler if there is any way to hold the facilities that are housing the elders, using the service regularly to supplement their own staffing, to be held accountable for calling; noted it seems unfair that the elder person, who is paying to be there with staff that should help them, be billed by the FD

Chief Butler felt that it would have to be taken up with the State EMS Agency.

Eugene Solomon explained he has some experience with this since his business dealt with RCFEs, assisted living, independent living and memory care locations all across the US; stated there are some municipalities that have assessed lift assist flat fees to supplement the number of calls for the FD going to their locations; stated a flat fee can be done by ordinance.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light stated they are now going back to the regular agenda (with Item K).

## **O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Witzansky announced there are three scheduled meetings: July 1, July 8, and July 15; mentioned July 8<sup>th</sup> is commission interview night so they will have a Closed Session only agenda.

## **P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

### **P.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION CC-2506-040, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CC-2505-024 BY APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026, AND APPOINTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO VARIOUS BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND COMMITTEES**

Mayor Light thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic for filling the role of Mayor Pro Tem;

stated the next Councilmember in line is Councilmember Behrendt; opened the floor up for nominations.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to nominate Councilmember Behrendt as Mayor Pro Tem.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to close nominations.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light called the vote for Councilmember Behrendt as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light noted there is a second item and unless someone wanted to pull themselves as a delegate, the Council had appointed all of the positions during the change of Council.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-040.

**Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF - None**

**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:** City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board  
**Case Number:** 20STCP03193

**R.2. 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:**  
In re 9300 Wilshire LLC Bankruptcy C.D. Cal.  
**Case Number:** 2:23-bk-10918-ER

**R.3. 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:**

9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCP02189

**R.4. 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:**

In re 9300 Wilshire, LLC (9300 Wilshire, LLC et al. v. AES-Redondo Beach, LLC) Bankruptcy C.D. Cal.

Case Number: 2:23-ap-01163-ER

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

**Name of case:**

Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive

Case Number: 23TRCP00325

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

**Name of case:**

New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCV10146

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

**Name of case:**

New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: 22TRCP00203

**R.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code**

**Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.**

**Case Number: 23STCP00426**

**R.9. 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:**

**AES Southland Development, LLC and AES Redondo Beach, LLC v. California Coastal Commission**

**Case Number: BS157789**

**R.10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director**

**Brian Campbell, BC Urban**

**PROPERTY:**

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

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Integrative Peptides, LLC**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

**R.11. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director**

**Brian Campbell, BC Urban**

**PROPERTY:**

**160 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
(a portion of APN: 7503-029-902)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**  
Jason Kolb, Scholb Premium Ales, Inc.

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**  
Lease Status, Price, and Terms

**R.12. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director

**PROPERTY:**  
309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**  
Made by Meg - Meg Walker

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**  
Both Price and Terms

**R.13. 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:**  
MacDonald, Phyllis v. City of Redondo Beach; County of Los Angeles; State of California; and Does 1-10  
Case Number: 25TRCV01747

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:39 p.m.**

**T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS DOTY, FORMER REDONDO BEACH POLICE LIEUTENANT**

**T.2. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GERALD FAIRCHILD, FORMER REDONDO BEACH POLICE OFFICER**

Chief Hoffman spoke of Tom Doty starting his career in January 1966 and retiring in October 1993 and passed at the age of 88; stated he stayed involved after he retired with the Canine Trials, where Canine Teams would compete; mentioned Gerry Fairchild had a successful career with the Marine Corps and joined the PD in October 1970 and retired

in November of 2005 and passed at the age of 85; noted Community-based policing was due to Gerry Fairchild and he was a legend in Redondo Beach; thanked Council for adjourning in their honor.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m. in honor of Officers Tom Doty and Gerry Fairchild.

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, July 1, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall 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