



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Closed Session – 10:28 p.m.

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

### **A. CALL MEETING 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: Behrendt, Kaluderovic (arrived at 6:03), Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Councilmembers Absent: None

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, Quality of Life/Sr Deputy City Prosecutor  
Cheryl Park, Assistant City Attorney  
Eugene Solomon, City Treasurer  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager  
Melissa Villa, Analyst

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

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

Chloe, Freshman at Redondo Union High School and daughter of newly elected Councilmember Castle, led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silence.

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

#### **D.1. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER NILS NEHRENHEIM FOR HIS 8 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mayor Light stated he first met Nils Nehrenheim in 2015, when Councilmember Nehrenheim was with Save the Riviera; gave some additional background on his path to Council; noted Councilmember Nehrenheim is an activist of the community which leveraged his run to becoming a Councilmember and he continues to advocate for the quality of life for the residents in Redondo Beach; thanked Councilmember Nehrenheim for all his work and stated the community owes him a great debt of appreciation; presented, on behalf of Redondo Beach, a key to the City.

## **D.2. OUTGOING REMARKS BY NILS NEHRENHEIM DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMEMBER**

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated, "The Coast is never saved, it always needs saving.", which he noted is a quote by Peter Douglas, the longest running Coastal Commission Executive Director and one of the founders of the Commission started in 1972; noted that Redondo Beach is a beach town community and has a lot of dedicated people that work hard to maintain it; spoke about the need to protect Redondo Beach and its culture; gave some background on the state of the City when he first took his position on the Council in 2017; spoke of his history with the late Mayor Bill Brand and Councilmember Loewenstein; jokingly mentioned if he were to go back knowing what he knows now, he would have gotten his therapist license since Council must hear so many problems; spoke about what you do with the information you receive and what actions you put in motion; opined the greatest 3 minute speech ever given at City Council was on November 19, 2018, when Rolf Struzenberg came to the podium and stood in silence for 3 minutes and a Councilmember made a motion to extend for another minute; spoke about how over the last eight years his thoughts and mind have been changed a lot on different subjects and ideas; stated governance is easy when you are well grounded where you came from, why you are here, and where you are going; mentioned how good Bill Brand was at that and how much he learned from him; spoke about how the decisions councilmembers make are not just for the short term but for the long term; spoke about accomplishments throughout the eight years and all the changes that have taken place; thanked City staff for all its work; spoke about the longest Council meeting that ended at 4:30 a.m.; spoke about the happiness felt around the City due in part to all their work; mentioned people have asked him what his plans are going forward and spoke about his participation in an organization called Our Neighborhood Voices; reported they just opened up Our Neighborhood Voices Education Corporation which is a 501c3 nonprofit, meaning all the donations coming in will be tax free and they plan to go throughout the state educating people on local laws and local controls to fight to protect their cities; he spoke about vigilance and being the authors of our own stories; thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve the City for eight years.

## **D.3. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER TODD LOEWENSTEIN FOR HIS 8 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mayor Light reported that he and Councilmember Todd Loewenstein's first encounter was over Measure DD, in 2008, and they were on opposite sides (Bill Brand and Mayor Light

were for the Measure and Councilmember Loewenstein was against); Councilmember Loewenstein was on the school board at the time and admitted he realized he was on the wrong side of that Measure; Mayor Light mentioned they had other encounters but it was when Councilmember Loewenstein stood up with an organization called R4 (which stood for Redondo Residents for Responsible Revitalization) and they were fighting against what AES was trying to do with the power plant that they became allies; spoke about all the accomplishments Councilmember Loewenstein has done in the eight years he has been on Council; presented Councilmember Loewenstein with the key to the City on behalf of the City and the residents.

#### **D.4. OUTGOING REMARKS BY TODD LOEWENSTEIN DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMEMBER**

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he would like to take the time to not focus on accomplishments but on the gifts the elected officials on the Council have brought to the City; presented a slideshow detailing out the years between 2017 to 2021, which included:

- Redondo Beach Elections in 2017 & 2021
  - Bill Brand: Mayor, elected in 2017 and re-elected in 2021
  - Nil Nehrenheim: D1 Council, elected in 2017 and re-elected in 2021
  - Todd Loewenstein: D2 Council, elected in 2017 and re-elected in 2021
- Environmental/Quality of Life
  - No power plant operating for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 100 years
  - Single use plastics and public smoking bans
  - W/ City Attorney: homeless court, pallet shelters, functional zero & Lila
  - Cutting our carbon footprint
  - Pedestrian safety
  - Protecting our harbor/slowing overdevelopment
  - BeachLife Festival and Surf Club
  - Fighting Metro Expansion into backyards
  - Outdoor dining parkettes
  - General Plan/Housing Element/RHNA
- Infrastructure/City Facilities
  - Harbor improvements and amenities plan
  - Paving our streets in N and S Redondo
  - Business corridor improvements
  - Parks funding and improvements
  - New transit center
  - First skatepark and pavers
  - Harbor Dredging/Stormwater Runoff
  - Tech improvements for staff, residents, visitors
- Supporting Police and Fire
  - Measure FP – our first GO Bond; new stations
  - New police and fire chiefs
  - Fire Dept Assessment and Improvements
  - New fire engines and police vehicles

- Long term labor agreements w/ public safety
- Full staffing
- Morale is high in public safety
- Making RB run efficiently
  - Hiring great City Manager and Staff
  - Pension Refinancing
  - Tourism Improvement District
  - Leasing city properties
  - Guiding city through worldwide pandemic
  - Long-term labor agreements
  - Substantial financial reserves
  - Charter Amendments/RCV
  - Political Finance Reform/Campaign Limits

Thanked the City for the privilege of fighting and representing the City.

#### **D.5. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY TO OUTGOING CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL WEBB FOR HIS 31 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mayor Light gave some background on City Attorney Mike Webb; stating he has been with the City for 31 years, first as an employee and then as an elected official; mentioned their history together and the turning point in working on Measure DD, Article 27; mentioned his respect for him and his work with former Mayor Bill Brand on battling the AES power plant and on the fight against homelessness; presented City Attorney Mike Webb with the key to the City on behalf of the City, Council, City staff and the residents of Redondo Beach.

#### **D.6. OUTGOING REMARKS BY MICHAEL WEBB CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Mike Webb spoke about gratitude and that he is grateful to live, work and be elected to five terms for a City that is full of talented, compassionate, passionate people that will stay at all hours to work on important issues; mentioned residents, namely Holly Osborne, that are dedicated to the City; mentioned growing up in the South Bay and never wanting to live anywhere else; focused on the hard work of City staff and the little recognition they receive and stated how grateful he is for them; mentioned he spent his first 11 years in the Redondo Beach Police Department and recognized them as the finest; noted that the RBPd could not do their jobs if the City Manager did not enable them; spoke highly of City Manager Witzansky as a person, father, and husband and mentioned he would miss working with him; spoke of the many great accomplishments made by councilmembers in all the years he has been with the City and felt it makes it easier for him to leave knowing that the City has a great group of people taking over; spoke highly of the City Clerk and the City Manager stating there were a lot of issues no one knows about that they had to handle and find solutions for; spoke highly of the new Councilmembers coming in and the current Councilmembers and Mayor.Light; talked about the minimum legal continuing education lawyers must go through and told a story about one he had gone to about two years ago that involved how legal organizations can



overcome gender bias and empower a mass of strong women leaders; jokingly commented that he didn't need that lesson; addressed his staff and bragged that there is no finer prosecution and city attorney division anywhere; spoke highly of his family and thanked them for supporting him throughout the years; he finished his speech with a story and letter he received on "Bosses Day" in 2015 from newly elected City Attorney Joy Ford when she was a part-time employee; stated the City is being left in good hands and it is a dream job and he is grateful to all who have helped him to do it for 31 years.

City Attorney Mike Webb received a standing ovation and lots of applause.

Due to family commitments, the order of the Oath of Office started with D.9 (Chadwick Castle)

Elected City Clerk Eleanor Manzano stated this is one of her favorite jobs (administering the oaths).

**D.7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK ELEANOR MANZANO TO ELECTED MAYOR JAMES A. LIGHT**

City Clerk Manzano called to the podium Elected Mayor James Light and proceeded to administer the Oath of Office.

Mayor Light voiced his appreciation to the Council for working with him as the "Appointed" Mayor and stated he is glad to shed that moniker to the "Elected" Mayor; thanked everyone that supported him including the elected officials (especially Councilmember Scott Behrendt), his wife and daughter, the School Board and PTA, the boating community, Sierra Club and Police Officer's Association, and everyone else; noted the surprise support by Mike Webb is what really got him to run for office; reported he is always available and can be reached by phone, email, etc. and will always listen.

**D.8. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK ELEANOR MANZANO TO ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER BRAD WALLER FOR DISTRICT 1**

City Clerk Manzano called to the podium newly elected District 1 Councilmember Brad Waller and administered the Oath of Office.

Councilmember Waller thanked all his family and friends for their support, especially his wife; mentioned his team of supporters knocking on doors, asking for donations, and stated he could not do it without their help; reported he will do what is best for the citizens of District 1 and the citizens of Redondo Beach.

**D.9. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK ELEANOR MANZANO TO ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER CHADWICK CASTLE FOR DISTRICT 2**

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano invited Councilmember Chadwick Castle up to the podium to administer the oath; mentioned he is hoping to continue the great work the Council has done and build on that success for all of the residents of Redondo Beach; mentioned he has a finance and Real Estate background but as a father is hoping to make the schools better for all the kids of the City; told a story of when Todd Loewenstein was running for re-election and how he and his daughters all helped to gather support during the campaign; noted that Bill Brand helped him get on the Budget & Finance Commission; stated he is hoping to use his skills to help make the community better and mentioned several programs he is hoping to help tackle.

#### **D.10. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK MANZANO TO RE-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER ZEIN OBAGI, JR. FOR DISTRICT 4**

City Clerk Manzano invited re-elected District 4 Councilmember Zein Obagi, Jr down to the podium to give his Oath of Office.

Councilmember Obagi stated that this is the first time he has been sworn in “in-person” since his first elected term was during Covid and the second time he was in a trial in Redding and only witness the event through Zoom; stated being on Council has been a mixed blessing for him personally and hard fought; noted his first term was working with Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Loewenstein and Mayor Bill Brand and he was successful in getting amazing things done for his district then and listed some accomplishments; spoke about the strong additions of Councilmembers Behrendt and Kaluderovic; reported that despite the “target” that being on Council has made him, he is dedicated to continuing the re-vitalization work on Artesia Boulevard; noted he is fired up to create safer streets for bikes and small vehicles such as golf carts; stated this is the first time he can recall that none of the Councilmembers who are up here or the Mayor up here were opposed to any of the others who have gotten elected including the City Attorney and stated this is more unity in Redondo Beach than he has ever seen before; thanked his District 4 residents and said it has been a great honor to serve as their Councilmember.

#### **D.11. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK MANZANO TO ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY JOY FORD**

City Clerk Manzano called up newly elected City Attorney Joy Ford to administer her Oath of Office.

City Attorney Joy Ford thanked the voters, volunteers and anyone that helped in her campaign; noted appreciation to her “social media warriors” that handled all the comments and posts made; thanked her team and consultant for their commitment; thanked the Council for mentoring and endorsing her and looks forward to working with them; thanked City Clerk Manzano and her team for their tireless efforts to ensure the election process was fair, efficient and transparent; thanked her “work family” for their dedication and hard work and stated that one reason she decided to run is because all the women in her office are amazing; highlighted City Prosecutor Melanie Chavira as one

of her first mentors and amazing friend; thanked her family for all their support and mentioned it was also the anniversary of her grandmother's death; thanked her husband and children; spoke to Mike Webb and Deann Webb thanking them for everything they have done for her and hoped to make them proud.

**RECESS IN HONOR OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – 7:15 p.m.**

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to recess for 10 minutes in honor of the newly elected officials.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 7:38 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Waller, Castle, Kaluderovic (arrived at 7:39 p.m.), Obagi, Behrendt, Mayor Light

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

**E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

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

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**F. AGENCY RECESS – 7:39 p.m.**

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn to a Regular Meeting of the Community Financing Authority.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**CONTACT:** STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING FROM AGENCY MEETING – 7:42 p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

## **F.2. PARKING AUTHORITY – REGULAR MEETING – CANCELLED**

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

## **G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

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

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving Blue Folder items for Item No. J.1, N.3.and N.1.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

## **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2025**

### **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. This item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion by Councilmember Waller.**

### **H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS**

**CHECKS 30157-30174 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,920.28, PD. 3/28/25**  
**DIRECT DEPOSIT 292690-293380 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,360,782.60, PD. 3/28/25**  
**EFT/ACH \$9,289.90, PD. 3/14/25 (PP2506)**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS**

**CHECKS 118694-118878 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,799,554.83**

**EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$500,472.43**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT 100009265-100009351 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,769.24,  
PD.4/1/25**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

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

**1. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FORD MAVERICK XL HYBRID TRUCK FROM COLLEY AUTO CARS, INC. FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,663 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS**

**2. This item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion by Councilmember Behrendt.**

**3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON BEACH MOTORSPORTS, INC. DBA HUNTINGTON BEACH HONDA FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC UNIT MOTORCYCLE FLEET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,999 FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2026 WITH TWO AUTOMATIC ONE-YEAR RENEWALS**

**4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SABLE COMPUTER, INC., DBA KIS COMPUTER CENTER, FOR IT PROJECT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,400 FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2026**

**5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LEADING RESOURCES, INC. FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING FACILITATION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2026  
CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO POST A VACANCY ON THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMISSION DUE TO CHADWICK CASTLE'S ELECTION AS DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.7. ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE ANITA STREET AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO MARIA AVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (WESTBOUND CHANNELIZATION) PROJECT, JOB NO. 41240, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROJECT WITH**

**THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND TO RELEASE THE RETENTION PAYMENT UPON EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD AFTER SAID RECORDATION AND NO CLAIMS BEING FILED UPON THE PROJECT**

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

- H.8. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2025 VEHICLES FROM OLATHE FORD SALES INC. FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$158,886**

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

- H.9. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2504-019 OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE DESCRIBING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.**

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

- H.10. APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT #9200000000M460208 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING THE NORTH REDONDO BEACH BIKEWAY EXTENSION PROJECT**

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

- H.11. APPROVE A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH C J CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO PROVIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR SERVICES FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$580,000**

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

- H.12. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2504-020, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVE A LEASE WITH MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER LOS ANGELES FOR OFFICE SPACE WITHIN PIER PLAZA AT 111 W. TORRANCE BLVD., SUITE 150, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM STARTING ON APRIL 1, 2025**



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

- H.13. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3292-25 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4 SECTION 2-4.01 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

**CONTACT:** PATRICK BUTLER, FIRE CHIEF

- H.14. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH NET FOR USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PALLET SHELTER EXPANSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM TO EXTEND THE TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**CONTACT:** MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY  
JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY-ELECT

Councilmember Waller pulled Item No. H.3.

Councilmember Behrendt pulled Item No. H.5, subitem 2.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve everything on the Consent Calendar except for Items No. H.3 and H.5, subitem 2.

Mayor Light asked if any members of the public would like to address any of the Consent Calendar items besides H.3 and H.5, subitem 2.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar and one eComment for H.8. that opposed.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Resolutions No. CC-2504-019, CC-2504-020 and Ordinance No. 3292-25.

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

- H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:**
- A. DECEMBER 2, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**
  - B. DECEMBER 17, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**
  - C. JANUARY 7, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**
  - D. JANUARY 21, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**
  - E. FEBRUARY 4, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**

**F. FEBRUARY 11, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**G. FEBRUARY 18, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**

Councilmember Waller stated he planned to abstain from this item since he was not present on Council for any of the listed minutes.

No public comments and City Clerk Manzano reported one eComment that was neutral.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve item H.3.

Motion carried 4-0-1 by voice vote. Councilmember Waller abstained from the vote.

**H.5. 2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC TO PREPARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,530 FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2025 TO OCTOBER 1, 2025**

Councilmember Behrendt stated he is abstaining from H.5 subitem 2.

No public comments and City Clerk Manzano reported there was an eComment opposed.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve Item No. H.5 subitem 2.

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

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

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

Andy Porkchop, Torrance, congratulated the newly elected officials; stated he is going to be more positive in the future and mentioned retiring and moving to Paso Robles; stated no firefighters are calling the police on him because he is filming; reported Torrance is building eight new pickleball courts; commented on how much he likes to come to the City Council meetings at Redondo Beach and enjoys the City; apologized for any past negativity.

Wayne Craig, District 1, mentioned attending the South Bay City's Council of Government meeting where he saw many of the Council; stated he was there on an official capacity with the South Bay Association of Realtors and commented that he spoke to a lot of people that may be helpful to the City; showed a business card of a grant writer he met at the meeting and thought that might be useful for the City since that subject has come up before; mentioned attending the Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday in Torrance at Columbia Park and stopping by the Metro booth; stated that when he asked the people

at the booth about the homeowners along the line, they commented that it does not really matter they are a small group of people and they are “fringe” people anyway and noted it is a “done deal” the EIR is already going to run it through there so it’s not going to be deviated from that; reported that it was the Roberts Group, which is the consulting group working for Metro; spoke about going to Hermosa Beach and asking for their help in the Metro matter noting Councilmembers Obagi and Kaluderovic were also there; reported Hermosa did not help them and took it off the agenda; noted there will be 1100 families impacted by that line having over 220 trains a day going through; asked Council to continue the fight and the battle is not over yet; noted the line should go down Hawthorne Blvd.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, wanted to thank Wayne Craig for bringing up the matter; stated she got involved in 2018 but it has been going on since 201; congratulated all the re-elected and newly elected officials; stated she will miss Nils and Todd; thanked the Quality of Life and Public Works departments for having the graffiti cleaned off her back wall and also thanked Councilmember Obagi for initiating it; mentioned the constant confusion on the wall being in Redondo Beach versus Torrance, Metro or BNSF; noted the gratification to the vandals is less satisfying when it is removed immediately as opposed to being left for long periods of time; stated she just received a text from a friend stating the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department were able to cite those involved; asked if there is any way to keep that area safer; wanted to show the new Councilmembers what it is like in her backyard when the train goes by, stating it will blow them away; reported that Councilmember Kaluderovic came to witness it; thanked the Council again for all their support on the Metro issue.

Jeff Gaul, Redondo Beach Public Safety Commissioner and PTA dad at Lincoln Elementary, congratulated the new and re-elected officials; stated he the City just passed a bond to improve schools and so forth; stated he is mainly there to talk about the fence that is shared by the City and the RBUSD which encompasses Lincoln Elementary School; spoke about areas of the fence in other parts of the City and the inconsistencies in heights and places where it is easy to climb over; stated it would be nice to have a uniform, safe, 360 vertical bar around the entire Lincoln Elementary School; noted there is privacy material that’s recommended around the school and is open to talking to USD, the engineer, the bond oversight committee, City Council, and Public Works about keeping the aesthetics nice while keeping the privacy material in the right areas; hoped that Dr. Alpern and City Manager Witzansky, City Council and the Mayor can all work together to keep the conversation going with the parents to keep the students and the school safe and use the money effectively and design it correctly.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if there was a specific problem Mr. Gaul was trying to address.

Jeff Gaul responded affirmatively and said the kindergarten area on the southeast side is five feet high; noted that the City was trying to make everything eight feet but that specific section is only five feet and easy to hop over.

Michael Lee-Cheng, college student, stated he was there on behalf of South Bay Forward, a grassroots advocacy organization working to advance housing, transit, and active mobility across the South Bay including in Redondo Beach; reported membership includes nearly 100 Redondo Beach residents across all districts, organizing for a more affordable, connected, and sustainable City; stated they were proud to endorse Councilmember Waller this election and look forward to partnering with each of the Council on shared priorities moving forward; reported sending out an email, on Sunday, outlining their 2025 policy and budget priorities which they hope the Council will consider during their upcoming strategic planning and budget workshops; stated his organization's focus centers on three key goals: expanding housing opportunity and center protections, investing in local transit and active mobility, and building safer more walkable neighborhoods; invited everyone to join them in shaping a more welcoming and resilient Redondo Beach; noted you can find them on South Bay Forward on Blue Sky and Instagram or at southbayforward.org; congratulated all the newly and re-elected officials.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, congratulated all the newly elected and expressed excitement to work with them; stated they will see her often advocating for the development on Artesia to happen as soon as possible; felt that the more pressure residents put on items the quicker they get done; questioned why the consultants that have been hired have not been involved in the process yet; hoped it could be expedited and hoped they would come to the Cultural Arts Commission meetings for feedback; mentioned she was also thinking there could be a committee of residents that could volunteer, help and provide feedback and possibly facilitate situations that they would like to see happen; stated she would like to see more art galleries and more art; mentioned all the fun things that Hermosa offers including their museum, art galleries and improv and felt Redondo needs things like that.

Leslie Campeggi, Redondo Beach, congratulated the newly and re-elected officials; mentioned her support of Councilmember Castle and happy to have him as her new district councilmember; objected to a speaker from Abundant Housing LA that came up earlier that stated he looked forward to a more welcoming and resilient Redondo Beach because she feels the City is already welcoming and resilient; spoke of Redondo having more types of housing available than any other city around Redondo and does more than its fair share when it comes to housing; disagreed with a member of the public that spoke about Redondo needing to do more; wanted Council to continue educating the public on the City's diversity when it comes to housing.

Joan Irvine, District 1, congratulated all the newly elected and re-elected; stated that she is excited about the new Council and opined that it will be a Council that can really work together; mentioned that it is Saturday Sweep for Keep the Esplanade Beautiful starting 9:00 a.m. at Avenue I; spoke about future events and opportunities coming to the area including the Olympics, the World Cup and the Super Bowl and hoped Keep the Esplanade Beautiful and the City could work together and brand Redondo; mentioned new initiatives she will announce at a future date.

William T (via Zoom) stated he cannot understand why the City and the RBPd continue

to allow Andy Porkchop to keep committing crimes and harass people in the South Bay; stated that Andy Porkchop is not his real name, it is really Andras Turda; suggested that the Council go on the Police Department's system to look up his criminal activity; complained about how he wastes everyone's time speaking on every item; stated he can't understand why this is allowed and why the Council encourages this behavior.

Dr. Holly Osborne, District 5, spoke about not being able to attend the Hermosa Beach City Council meeting but was able to listen; reported they have a policy that you can speak on agenda items but not on anything not on the agenda; stated she now knows why they have that policy and that Redondo Beach should take lessons from Hermosa Beach and not allow people to just call in for items not on the agenda (referenced the last caller); stated she is sick of wasting her time listening to that last call.

Nancy Skiba welcomed the winners of the election and the re-elected; commented on how nice the celebration was that afternoon and gave a fond farewell to Todd Loewenstein and Nils Nehrenheim; hoped to see them again in the future in some capacity.

City Clerk Manzano reported no comments or eComments.

**K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

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

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

**N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP AND A CITY COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE BUSINESS CONCIERGE PROGRAM**

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

W.E.D. Director Kapovich stated he would be presenting this as two strategic plan items; one is to illustrate the impacts of the Business Concierge Program and the other is to build on that and to actually create an economic development work group that potentially consists of a couple of representatives from the City Council to provide guidance; introduced Dave Charobee to present the Business Concierge Program since he has played an integral role in its development.

W.E.D. Senior Management Analyst Charobee stated he will be talking about two issues

in one because they are very closely related to one another; presented a PowerPoint that detailed out their discussion of possible action on the creation of an economic development working group that would have a City Council subcommittee attached and give an update and report on the Business Concierge Program; the presentation included:

- Background and Objectives – Program implementation was approved Dec. 2022
  - Goals
    - Improve customer service experience of businesses interacting w/ the City
    - Provide clearer guidance to businesses
    - Improve turnaround times and consolidated comments
  - Strategic Plan calls for the creation of an Economic Development Working Group
    - Recruit/retain businesses and developers in the City
    - Identify processes, procedures and regulations that impede business reinvestment in the City

W.E.D. Senior Management Analyst Charobee stated that the reason for this report is to update the Council on the improvements that they have made so far and share a few success stories and provide Council with a list of items they would still like to do; continued with the presentation:

- Improvements Implemented
  - Updated integrated permitting software
  - Business Concierge webpage & flyers
  - Improved interdepartmental coordination
  - Check-in kiosks at City Hall
  - Online appointment scheduling with City planners
  - Approximately 26 businesses were helped directly through the program
  - More businesses have been indirectly helped through the improvements

W.E.D. Senior Management Analyst Charobee spoke about this being a one-stop shop for permitting; mentioned real time updates on the status of permits.

- Successes
  - El Torito – expedited gas meter replacement
  - Pita Café – resolved permitting issues
  - Sonesta Hotel – quick permit acquisition for hosting a special event, instead of the average time of two weeks to get the permit it only took 4 days.

W.E.D. Senior Management Analyst Charobee stated they were able to get it done because they understood the benefits this brings to the City; continued with the presentation:

- Ongoing & Future Improvements
  - Additional software system to streamline permitting process



- Business Survey can reveal potential existing bottlenecks that businesses commonly encounter
- Improved interdepartmental coordination such as consolidated comments
- Customer service feedback surveys
- Reviews of internal processes as well as identifying any outdated regulations that may be creating barriers

W.E.D. Senior Management Analyst Charobee stated they are asking Council to help create a subcommittee, that includes members of the City Council, to provide some additional insight and help that will engage with their Economic Development Working Group and tie into the Business Concierge Program.

City Manager Witzansky added two points to make it more clear: 1) Council does not need to appoint the two subcommittee members tonight but they are looking for a general consensus that Council agrees that it makes sense to form a subcommittee and they would then come back with a resolution to codify that change, 2) if more than two of the Councilmembers want to join the subcommittee then they will need to decide how to choose which two will be chosen; stated the reason for the subcommittee, and the formalization of it, is he believes that a lot of regulatory barriers they have uncovered will require policy changes, ordinance changes, elimination of the City's bureaucratic procedures; stated those procedures are in place for a reason and not all bureaucratic red tape is bad; spoke about it being imperative that the Council understands and represents the community's interest in those policy considerations and then can ultimately articulate that to the full Council when those policy decisions are brought back before them; felt this is a good first step in forming the Working Group; stated past, present and future businesses will also be participating and they are open to all forms of feedback including survey work; felt this is a very important initiative and one that they would like to have formalized with Council participation.

Mayor Light thanked staff for their update and for their work on the item; stated he is a bit confused why a resolution is needed when the City has formed subcommittees before without a resolution.

City Manager Witzansky responded by saying this is a case where they might want to create it as a standing committee; explained that the City does its regular annualized appointments through a subcommittee process and thinks this may be something the City wants to have as an annualized and recurring group.

Mayor Light wondered if he saw no sunset to this group.

City Manager Witzansky stated there is immediate work to be done but sees this as a committee that Council will routinely reappoint on an annual basis since they cannot be done permanently.

City Clerk Manzano added that the City needs to bring it back because they have two new councilmembers to replace and bring back for Mayor Pro Tem.

More discussion followed regarding the formation of the Economic Development Working Group, losing out on business they should be fighting to retain, targeting businesses to bring in, regulations they are working on, and the need to get ahead of the curve.

Mayor Light stated he would like to get the reputation El Segundo, which is business friendly and attractive for businesses; noted he fully supports it and would like to be on the subcommittee.

City Manager Witzansky opined that is why a resolution that details that out and expresses Council's commitment to it is needed.

Mayor Light added he would hope the subcommittee would participate in the Working Group on a regular basis, maybe not on a mandatory basis but always invited; wondered how the businesses would be chosen.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Staff for launching the Business Concierge Program; stated it was instrumental in getting Pita Café and El Tarasco across the finish line; thought Luke Smude was part of the Business Concierge Program since he was super helpful.

City Manager Witzansky stated Luke Smude has helped spot check community development concerns in resident issues.

Councilmember Obagi discussed issues businesses, such as the ones mentioned and the Goodwill site, have had with the process and unpermitted work; noting it has taken these businesses about three years to open because they go down the wrong path, reach out to the City, and then get put on the right path and then finally get to open; asked if this is the same understanding the City Manager's office has.

City Manager Witzansky reported that unfortunately that is a frequent occurrence.

Councilmember Obagi stated the problem they need to solve is how people are engaging in unpermitted construction on Artesia Boulevard or in Redondo Beach in our economic corridors; feels that is the systemic problem that needs to be fixed; stated he asked Al how to fix this problem and one good idea it had was enhanced preconstruction oversight and explained in more detail.

Discussion followed between the City Manager and Councilmember Obagi on how the City is triggered, how the unpermitted work is caught, and how it is punished or rectified; recalled what he understood about the situations with the businesses on Artesia and why the work was shut down but didn't want to speak on their intentions.

Councilmember Obagi suggested other recommendations are: increased visibility of permitting requirements, strengthened monitoring, enforcement, streamlining the permitting process, and imposing stiff penalties; mentioned that Pita Café is already

looking to sell their business to recapture their capital; stated although he appreciates what the City Manager's office is doing with the Business Concierge Program, he thinks the problem needs to be addressed prior to that step.

City Manager Witzansky stated Community Development Director Marc Wiener may want to speak on some of those points since that is what he has been working on; reported 26 businesses had the awareness to come to the City and seek help; noted there are hundreds and hundreds of permits that the City is processing at any given time in the City; hoped that anyone seeking to open a business in Redondo is receiving Business Concierge treatment; spoke about this being the responsibility of the Community Development Department and especially Marc Wiener (the Director); mentioned the launch of IWorQ on Monday, which is the new online permitting portal; reported that a couple of weeks ago a strategic planning session was held with the Community Development Department to focus on customer service; stated a lot of initiatives are moving forward and the goal is if they do that well a Business Concierge Program won't be needed; invited Marc Wiener to come up to speak.

Community Development Director Wiener recalled a couple of months ago, he presented to Council the organizational assessment and action plan that is in the works; noted they did launch the permitting system today and felt that will make the process much more efficient internally and make it easier for the applicants to access; stated he sees a lot of the focus of this committee would be on the efforts his department is doing on the permitting process; pointed out that some regulatory requirements, parking standards and procedures are barriers for some minor businesses and his department is looking into addressing those issues.

Mayor Light gave an example of a small issue with a drawing of a parking lot on Herondo that took weeks to fix but should not have and mentioned some of the problem might be cultural.

Community Development Director Wiener agreed it is one of the problems they are addressing, and they are trying to ask themselves:

- How are we working with customers?
- What is our attitude?
- What's our demeanor?
- Are we solution oriented?

He noted there has been noticeable improvement since they have been focusing on the customer service side; mentioned during budget time, they are going to be making some recommendations to help expedite the building plan process; stated that is a real bottleneck in their process and they are looking for ways to get that down to a two week turnaround; stated he will be presenting that to Council at a future meeting; referenced the presentation he had done a couple of months ago and that he would be reporting back at the six month mark to update Council on the progress being made.

Councilmember Obagi asked if Community Development Director Wiener thought that

having a mandatory pre-construction meeting with the City prior to development, new structures, or renovations on the Artesia or PCH corridors should be a requirement in the code.

Community Development Director Wiener stated the City Manager and his department had a strategic planning session about a month ago and plan to produce a document; mentioned one of the ideas that came out of that meeting was the City really does need a pre-construction meeting with applicants, something more structured that informs people on the details of the project, what they are going to need and how to be prepared; reported they are working on videos and handouts that will help prep; stated the pre-construction meeting is key because it allows staff to see the project and get feedback upfront rather than discovering issues several months into it.

Mayor Light cautioned the Council that tonight is not the “solution part” but the “receive and file” and hear where they are at and set up the committee to come up with solutions.

Councilmember Kaluderovic thanked staff; mentioned she had brought up the Economic Development Working Group with the strategic plan last year and had a meeting; noted they had procedurally gone over some of these items with regulations on Council and had clear examples of how the City can make better policies that are more business-friendly; gave an example of a Pilates studio trying to open in the Legado and the excessive process they underwent; stated Redondo needs to attract the businesses that they want and noted the amount of smoke shops that open in the area; stated she is fully supportive of creating this subcommittee, looked forward to this discussion again and would be happy to be on the committee.

Mayor Light took a quick poll and it was noted all the Councilmembers and the Mayor would like to be considered to be on the committee.

Councilmember Waller stated this might be the most important item for Redondo Beach, because economic development is how the City pays for everything and brings to the City what residents want; spoke positively about a business concierge helping to assure things go smoothly; referenced an article regarding creating a business improvement district.

Mayor Light asked if they should discuss who the first two committee members should be.

City Manager Witzansky suggested they can wait until April 15<sup>th</sup> when they bring it back to Council.

Councilmember Obagi recommended Councilmember Behrendt since they Brown Acted on the subject and he has been going to League of California Cities and has met some commercial developers and started liaison with them; asked if a requirement of being on the committee would be to be proactive in going out to meetings, conferences, and meeting with the business community to try to get them to come to Redondo Beach; mentioned the City has been trying to get their regulations in shape for the last four years

to receive investment in the City; felt Councilmember Behrendt would be good to take a spot and anybody else who is engaged in that community would be another good person to take the other spot.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to receive and file the report.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Andy Porkchop, Torrance, stated his name is Philip Norman Garner and normally calls into the meeting because he is a scumbag; spoke in favor of the item and would like to see businesses open in the Waterfront and Pier.

Robert Resnick thanked the Mayor and Council for bringing forward this important proposal; stated he is speaking as the President of the Redondo Beach Pier Association and long time master leaseholder of the Redondo Landing since 1987 and wholeheartedly gave his support and that of the stakeholders of the Pier and Waterfront for the program; stressed the importance of it and noted it puts together the mechanisms of government and good policy and that it is not only a good idea it is a critical and indispensable idea to allow the City to remain competitive; noted that the tougher the rules are to understand, the more likely they are to be broken; spoke about retention of key merchants and businesses and how the Working Group would be a way to have eyes as policymakers and eyes and ears as on the ground; pointed out the program will not only help guide people through a difficult process but it will also assist with understanding the challenges existing businesses and new businesses have and contribute to policy making for the Council, commission, and senior level staff; asked for an extra minute.

Councilmember Obagi stated they are uniformly no longer extending time to honor free speech rights.

City Clerk Manzano reported no more comments and no eComments.

Mayor Light called for the vote on the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light asked W.E.D. Director Kapovich if there would be a Closed Session.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich stated there would be.

## **N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE STATUS OF OPERATIONS AT THE REDONDO BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND OPTIONS FOR MAXIMIZING FACILITY REVENUE**

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

City Manager Witzansky introduced Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause and Cultural Arts Manager Jack Meyer.

Community Services Director Hause gave some background on Jack Meyer; stated he has been with the City for over 30 years, a majority of that time with the Performing Arts Center, and is the new Cultural Arts Manager. The presentation included:

- Strategic Plan Goal 6: Enhance the Delivery of City Services
  - Provide a report on the status of Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center operations and ways to increase utilization of that space and to maximize facility revenue
- Background
  - Originally the Aviation High School Auditorium built in 1968-1970 and opened in 1971
  - School closed in 1982 and demolished in 1984
  - Acquired in 1984 by the City of Redondo Beach as part of the new Aviation Park
  - Between 1984 and 2001, several upgrades were made
  - Broke ground on major renovation/expansion in 2001
  - Grand re-opening in 2003; total cost \$11.5 million most paid for through State Redevelopment Project, State and County grants, and about \$1 million of City funds.

Community Services Director Hause handed over the presentation to Cultural Arts Manager Meyer.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer resumed the presentation:

- Current Status: Fiscal
  - How much money the City made?
  - How much money the City spent?
  - How much money the City thinks they should spend?
  - How can the City get more money?

He detailed a miniature financial summary; stated the total revenue topped \$1,122,000 in the last complete FY; stated that the numbers are among the highest the City has posted as revenue thus far.

- Current Status: Facility Condition/Deferred Maintenance
  - Completed: Replaced old electronic marquee sign, old projector and 24-year-old loudspeaker
- Current Status: Facility Condition/Deferred Maintenance
  - Need to rehab/restore Vintage 1970 seating per 2020-21 CIP
  - Divided into 2 phases (front and rear); stated the costs have gone up



- considerably
  - Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for emergency egress lighting (\$200K)
  - Replace 20-year-old A/C chiller (\$250k)
  - Replace 24-year-old carpeting (\$275K)
  - Need to rehab and reseal imported Indian slate tiles on exterior (\$175k)
  - Reseal and stripe parking lot (\$92K)
  - Restore paver brick entry plaza (\$100k)
  - Paint exterior metalwork (\$100k)
  - Repair/replace east patio (\$275)
  - Positive note: Public Works replanted the entire site with drought-tolerant species that looks beautiful and artistic.
- Increasing Facility Usage and Revenue
    - Upgrades: Audio (\$60k), Stage lighting (\$760K), Orchestra pit lift (\$600k)
  - Staff Recommendations
    - Continue current rental-only operating model
    - Implement annual user fee increases of 3% per year for the next 3 FYs
    - Explore possible parking lot events
    - Prepare BRR for potential cost and revenue associated with adding full-scale motion picture presentation capabilities
    - Continue incremental upgrade of stage lighting fixtures to LEDs
    - Prioritize completion of seat rehab project and UPS for emergency egress lighting
    - Explore contracted marketing of RBPAC

Discussion followed on the item and presentation points and what needs to be targeted on the list of recommendations, clarified what was needed from Council tonight, which is to receive and file; stated no formal action can be taken on any of the items tonight.

Commissioner Castle asked if there is any opportunity to enhance revenue more than 3% per year and suggested 5%.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer stated that the number was based on trying not to drive people away; mentioned they thought they would start soft and then move up.

City Manager Witzansky asked Cultural Arts Manager Meyer if there was potential for the City to implement a deferred maintenance fee for any type of rental use, as a bit of a capital repair fund.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer said that would be something worth considering. City Manager Witzansky added that it might be something the City would want to look at as part of the Master Fee Schedule update as well; stated that is a stand alone fee; it goes into an account that is sequestered and ultimately would be a source of funding for deferred maintenance items.

Mayor Light wondered about Cultural Arts grants for infrastructure.

City Manager Witzansky responded that there used to be, but they have dried up across the board.

Community Services Director Hause stated they are trying to partner with the COG to see if there are energy saving grants out there, at least for the lighting infrastructure.

Mayor Light asked who their COG representative is.

Councilmember Obagi stated it is him and that he just met with Eleanor Murphy and Kim Fuentes from the SBCCOG.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported he just had a meeting with COG representatives with Public Works to look at incentives and possible grants for both A/C and lighting; noted they are not huge but anything they can get is a good thing.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Jack Meyer for his decades of service to Redondo Beach; asked if he meets every person who does an event there and what their experience has been.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Obagi asked City Manager why the City didn't increase the fees during the last budget cycle when they seemingly increased the fees on everything else.

City Manager Witzansky stated 2023-2024 was the City's best year and they finally fully recovered; noted they did consider it internally but were hesitant because the market was still struggling post Covid; noted what the City achieved last FY was quite impressive and they think they are on pace to do that again.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer stated it was a bit of a surprise; reported they exceeded their budget projection by a considerable margin; mentioned the previous two years were terrible (\$600k as opposed to \$1 million).

Councilmember Obagi asked to go back to the slide with the budget; stated they addressed the revenue side but not the expense side; noted that production expenses is less than 10% and asked if they have any sort of spread that is charged out.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer responded that they are charging only straight recovery.

Councilmember Obagi stated that is the first change he would want; asked if there would be a problem if the City added a surcharge (mentioned 10%).

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer responded that it depends on the item, for some of the equipment rentals that is very viable; mentioned that the largest chunk is usher services

since they don't have the ability to hire, rotate, manage, handle workman's compensation and uniforms for 60 to 100 people so the City uses a service and they make a profit; felt it is already expensive and to add on to that would be too expensive; felt they can not charge more for a service they are already forcing them to buy.

Mayor Light asked if there is a G&A rate that the City could tack on, that is a standard rate for the administration or subcontracts and purchasing equipment.

City Manager Witzansky stated that it is in the ISF figure; noted they can apply it but whether or not it is palatable to the market is the issue.

Councilmember Obagi asked for slide 2B to be pulled up; reported he made a spreadsheet of all the suggested deferred maintenance in the staff report; noted it added up to \$2.03 million; went over the items and asked questions to staff, mostly directed to Cultural Arts Manager Meyer.

Discussion of what bookings would likely be most affected by a recession was discussed; non-profits were noted as the most impacted and R&B concerts that are done for school fundraisers.

Councilmember Obagi stated he would like the City to do anything within the confines of what money they have available to reinvest in the City's facilities; asked staff to let Council know come budget time what is needed and he will do his best to support the request.

Councilmember Waller thanked Cultural Arts Manager Meyer for the report; commented it was encouraging and discouraging at the same time; stated he would like to see if the City did any sort of surcharge that was earmarked for the PAC and could not be siphoned off anywhere; noted there are huge ups for emergency lighting; wondered if they considered using LED for emergency lighting or got a generator that could run long and be less costly instead of replacing the 88 tons of lead acid batteries.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported that they have actually started replacing the architectural lighting with LEDs to reduce the load and are shopping for a machine that is smaller but cost has gone up; mentioned the electronics come from China and there are tariffs, and rare earth materials that are increasing costs; spoke about an opportunity to replace a large section of house lighting that the auditorium lights itself and it contains 76 lights using 500 watt halogens which can be a big cost reduction.

Councilmember Waller spoke of farmer's markets in the South that can be a great opportunity to expand to the North and be a good resource and good for the community; noted the need for a major sponsorship (mentioned Sony Entertainment as an example) if they would have premiers at the PAC; referenced the topic of a hybrid management model that other cities are doing; commented that it is a bit of a risk but if there is a chance it can improve the revenue situation for the facility then he would love to figure out how to keep the cost low but create a self-sustaining growing facility; stated he would like to look at getting BRRs and see what would fit into their plans.

Mayor Light called for the motion to receive and file and asked staff to come back with a more detailed BRR during the budget season.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file.

Mayor Light opened the floor to anyone that would like to address the item.

Georgette Gantner stated it was a brilliant idea to hire Jack Meyer as the Cultural Arts Manager; felt it was a wonderful presentation; noted the various individuals that have held the position were all good but opined there is no better individual to do the job at this time; brought up fundraising, and referred to an event called “Brick by Brick” which possibly happened at the Palos Verdes Art Center, which would require the community’s interest to invest; expressed excitement for future events and donors.

Andy Porkchop stated it is a shame that the facility has been neglected for decades; opined the ideas are nice but it is for the rich and people are poor and can stay home and watch You Tube.

City Clerk Manzano reported no other comments or eComments.

Mayor Light called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE CAMPING ORDINANCE.**

**INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3293-25, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 34 TO TITLE 4 REGARDING UNLAWFUL CAMPING, FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**CONTACT:** MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY  
JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY-ELECT

City Attorney Ford announced they would be discussing a Strategic Plan objective to evaluate recent anti-camping court decisions and report to City Council on any recommended corresponding modifications to the Redondo Beach Municipal code; gave a brief history on the change noting that, in 2020, Council amended the municipal code to be in compliance with the ruling on the Martin vs Boise case; stated in June 2024, the US Supreme Court passed the Grants Pass vs Johnson case which overruled the Martin vs Boise case; stated the City Attorney’s office recommends to amend the City’s camping ordinance back to what it was originally prior to December of 2020; mentioned former City Attorney Mike Webb was the President of the LA County Prosecutors Association, which formed a subcommittee to discuss Grants Pass, stated one of the recommendations from

that subcommittee her office would like the City Council to consider is an ordinance prohibiting the use of bus stops for any purpose other than to board, or wait for, or disembark a bus; stated it is completely up to Council and it is not something that the City has to pass and her office submitted two versions of the ordinance in the Blue Folder for their consideration.

Mayor Light commented that it looks like City Attorney Ford is striking the 500 yards of the Emergency Transitional Housing Facility.

City Attorney Ford responded by saying it goes back to what the City's ordinance was prior to December 2020, there would be no camping in all public places of the City and that would include surrounding the emergency interim shelters.

Mayor Light asked for some clarification on what it covers.

City Attorney Ford stated the enforcement part was just specifically for the Martin vs Boise opinion and the addition of the bus stops is the decision of the Council; reported that if it is left the way it is, it is not enforceable.

More discussion followed.

City Attorney Ford noted it is a very specific ordinance; it is taking a risk to enforce it and the City can be challenged; mentioned that the City has received many complaints about people staying in the bus locations.

Mayor Light commented the City Attorney's office is looking for Council to approve the ordinance either as written, or the recommended changes, or pulling the bus stops and still approving the rest.

Councilmember Castle asked if the bus stop was not there, then would the individual just be on the sidewalk as if they were not under a bus stop?

City Attorney Ford responded that "camping" has a specific definition in the City's municipal code; stated that if their actions or what they are doing does not fit under the definition of camping, then if they are just there and that is legal.

More discussion ensued regarding the definition of camping, the number of hours allowed, and intention.

Councilmember Kaluderovic wanted clarification on whether Torrance has passed an ordinance on the item.

City Attorney Ford stated they have passed it but she is unsure if they have enforced it; noted it was passed in October.

Councilmember Behrendt had a question regarding the Blue Folder item Council

received; asked for slide 2B to be put up and showed proposed changes to clear up any confusion in language of the ordinance; asked if City Attorney Ford knew of any other cities doing this.

City Attorney Ford agreed the wording was better; stated she does not know of any other city doing this besides Torrance; felt as written it has a good chance of being enforceable.

Councilmember Obagi stated he liked the changes Councilmember Behrendt made; asked how the person sleeping at the bus stop is approached and is it someone trying to help them or law enforcement.

City Attorney Ford's response was it depends on who sees the person or who makes the complaint and time of day; mentioned dispatch will normally call a Housing Navigator, if available, and normally that is Lila Omura; noted it depends on the situation and the condition of the person.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to introduce by title only Ordinance No. 3293-25, amending Municipal Code chapter 34 to Title IV regarding unlawful camping for introduction and first reading by title only, as amended to show the Blue Folder item and track changes.

Mayor Light invited any member of the public that wishes to address the Council on this item.

Andy Porkchop stated the topic is relatable to him since he was homeless for three years; noted that when people are kicked out of the bus stops and end up at homeless shelters, they have their belongings stolen and the last thing a homeless person wants is to hang out with other homeless people; asked what these ordinances do for the homeless.

City Clerk Manzano reported no other comments or eComments.

Mayor Light called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read and introduced, by title only, Ordinance No. 3293-25, amending Municipal Code, chapter 34 to Title IV regarding unlawful camping for introduction and first reading, as amended.

#### **N.4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**CONTACT:** MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY  
JOY A. FORD, INCOMING CITY ATTORNEY  
CHERYL PARK, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY



Mayor Light wondered if they can truncate this; reported he sat down with City Attorney Ford and former City Attorney Webb and thought he understood what they were driving at; felt the best action for the Council is to review, alter, and adopt Rosenberg Rules; stated he already had rules of conduct for the City Council and now, that they have a recommendation from the City Attorney, he can move forward with it; mentioned the only other item to consider from Council is the 10:30 cutoff time and asked if they would like to address that now; mentioned they could come back with his recommended adapted rules for discussion.

City Attorney Ford added that former City Attorney Webb also recommended Council's consideration to amend their Ex-Parte Communications Rules as well.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked for clarification from the Mayor that since the information he was waiting for has been presented in this agenda item, he can move forward and bring it back in May with some suggested changes.

Mayor Light stated yes, and he will put together a briefing, on what he adopted based on what former City Attorney Webb recommended and why, to discuss with Council and make changes or alter it if needed; explained further why this came forward and stated this would fix the problem.

Councilmember Behrendt explained how he understood it, saying currently the City has no formal rules of procedure and with the recommendations from the City Attorney's office they can have something codified with respect to how City Council meetings are run; went on to mention a second point being Council has a rule in place regarding the need to assess continuing meetings past 11:00 p.m. to be determined at 10:30 p.m.; noted they normally just turn to the City Manager to see if items can be continued to a later time.

City Manager Witzansky stated having some sort of time check to work towards a reasonable goal of completing business is good but must be balanced with making sure they are making good, quality decisions when everyone is able bodied, well rested, not blurry eyed and feeling the effects of the long night; went on to say he thinks having a target is good but in the practical experience since implementing the 10:30 rule, Council spends more time talking about what they are going to talk about than ultimately talking about the item; noted that part has been counterproductive; suggested to create more of a policy statement where if it is looking like they are going to go past 11:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. they have a quick conversation; stated he is not sure how to do it but that Council should at least stop and reflect on it when everyone is tired.

Councilmember Behrendt brought up the order of the agenda and felt maybe they can move items around where there is less mental acuity can be at the end.

Mayor Light said he can include it in his recommendation.

City Manager Witzansky agreed with Councilmember Behrendt's insights into the agenda; stated if given that discretion they are happy to target it as appropriate and determine

what is time sensitive.

Councilmember Behrendt mentioned the order of Non-Agenda Items being in front of agendized items; felt many members of the public come to speak on Agenda Items and felt it unfair for them to wait till Non-Agenda Items were addressed.

More discussion followed regarding responses to Non-Agenda Items.

Councilmember Waller disagreed with Councilmember Behrendt regarding Non-Agenda Items; worried it discourages public comment by putting it to the end of the meeting; agreed a better policy and procedure is needed for having a cutoff; stated he looks forward to the proposal on the item; commented that the Rosenberg's Rules looked good and a refreshing change compared to the structure of the Robert's Rules.

Mayor Light called for a motion to continue this until May.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by, to continue this item until May.

Councilmember Obagi mentioned he would like clarity in the rules on the motions, friendly amendments, substitute motions, and a cap on it for Council as well as for Commissioners.

Mayor Light stated he would be writing it for Council as well as for the Commissioners.

Councilmember Obagi agreed with Councilmember Behrendt's idea of public participation on Non-Agenda Items being right before Referrals to Staff because then Council can act on them; noted he is also sensitive to people not staying till 11:30 to make a referral and suggested having a cutoff at 11:00 p.m.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke of having a new Council and if everyone wants to start the Council meetings earlier, they can all consider it; stated his only caveat is if any single Councilmember or Mayor does not want to start earlier then it is not forced upon.

Councilmember Kaluderovic felt discussion on an earlier start time would be good and would alleviate some pressure for public comment being late in the evening; leaned towards having public comments near Referrals towards the bottom of the agenda; mentioned there are other ways for the public to interact with Council and mentioned emailing them; felt it is important to have a structure on the cutoff to the meetings and didn't want to have a procedural discussion every time.

Councilmember Waller stated the Code of Conduct should be the same for people that call in as those in person and asked that they be required to state their name.

Mayor Light stated Council can ask for their names, but they do not have to answer and they can be anonymous.

Councilmember Obagi made a point that in Hermosa the public is not allowed to call in unless the topic is on the agenda so that is a liberty Redondo Beach gives to the public.

Mayor Light opened up the floor for public comment.

Joan Irvine, District 1, disagreed with moving the public comment on Non-Agenda Items to later in the meeting; felt they would eliminate a lot of people that want to speak; mentioned people calling in and free speech but did not like people calling in making a mockery of the system; asked if there is a way to limit it to only Redondo Beach residents; suggested to explain the code of conduct to the public before people are allowed to speak.

Andy Porkchop brought up violations to the Brown Act in the City of Torrance; mentioned Philip Norman Garner intimidated him and exposed his identity; stated the City of Torrance named him Porkchop and he uses it to represent the scumbags of the City Council of Torrance; felt the Council should have cut off Philip Norman Garner when he was using an artificial voice and alleged the City was in violation of a rule.

Nancy Skiba (via Zoom) disagreed with moving the Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items to the end of the meeting; stated people simply can't stay that long or stay up that late; felt people will feel that their rights to free speech are being impeded or restricted; suggested moving guests with presentations ahead of other items.

City Clerk Manzano stated that concludes public comment.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

#### **O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Witzansky reported having three items; officially welcomed the new members to the Council; formally introduced Jane Chung the new Assistant to the City Manager and mentioned they are fully staffed; announced the appointment of Stephanie Meyer as the Finance Director; mentioned she was selected through a very competitive process, made the announcement internally last week, and wanted to formally let Council know that occurred; stated she has done a tremendous job and now they will move to quickly hire her replacement.

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

Councilmember Waller asked to have a BRR for signage and traffic studies to help with the improper driving of trucks on the non-truck routes and to update the mapping services used by trucking companies for proper marking of these non-truck routes in Redondo Beach.

Councilmember Obagi requested a BRR to re-sport court the court, install a couple of new basketball hoops and for a small dog run at the General Homer O. Eaton Jr. Parkette.

Mayor Light stated there's a Mayor's Meeting for Saturday regarding the World Cup and Olympics; stated it is for mayors only and will report back to everyone what comes out of that.

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

**R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:28 p.m.**

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to adjourn to Closed Session.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

**R.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

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

**PROPERTY:**

**Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, Seaside Lagoon, and California Surf Club**

**239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

**(portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Price and Terms**

City Clerk Manzano read title to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 11:16 p.m.**

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 p.m. to a Special 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, April 15, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California

The motion carried, 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Eleanor Manzano, CMC  
City Clerk