



REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Youth Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director, Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cheves, Cho, Edwards, Chairperson Felde, Reeds, Sorgen, Taghvaei, and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: McCauley, Robles, and Trone

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Felde led the Commissioners in a salute to the flag.

C. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to approve the order of agenda.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission there was one Blue Folder Item for J.2; introduced J.2 as a subcommittee input item for the Youth Commission; requested a motion to receive and file.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to receive and file Blue Folder Item J.2.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the items on the Consent Calendar and requested Youth Commissioners to motion to approve all items in the consent calendar unless they would like to correct an item or discuss it further.

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 3, 2024, APRIL 3, 2025, AND MAY 1, 2025

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Chairperson Felde opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO YOUTH COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE 2024-25 YOUTH COMMISSION

PRESENTATION OF CITY COIN TO GRADUATING SENIORS CHAIRPERSON FELDE AND VICE CHAIRPERSON VAN PELT

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced Item J.1, which provides an opportunity for the City to present Certificates of Acknowledgement to all of the Youth Commissioners for serving the Youth Commission throughout the past year. She expressed that it was a great year and that there is excitement for the Youth Commission's future. Mayor Jim Light and Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic were acknowledged as instrumental to the Youth Commission's revival.

Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic thanked the Youth Commission for their effort; expressed feeling prideful in their work, and shared that the City has been able to evaluate improvements with the help of the Youth Commission. She expressed gratitude for a great restart to the Youth Commission.

Mayor Jim Light thanked the Youth Commission for serving; recognized Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic and Deputy Community Services Director Orta for their work in reviving the Youth Commission. He informed that the City has decided on changing the rules for next year as a result of all of the feedback and work the Youth Commission has provided and hoped that the Youth Commissioners have found their experience rewarding. Mayor Light encouraged Youth Commissioners to reach out with additional feedback, expressing that the city is interested in making the Youth Commission more meaningful. He shared that the Youth Commission provided more input for the Strategic Plan than any other commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta commenced the Acknowledgement Ceremony:

Adult Youth Commissioners Cheves received a certificate and photo-op with Mayor Jim Light, Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic, and Deputy Community Services Director Orta. Commissioner Flinn was absent.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Commissioner Huynh received a certificate and photo-op with Mayor Jim Light, Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic, and Deputy Community Services Director Orta. Commissioners McCauley, Robles, and Trone were absent.

Youth Commissioners Taghvaei, Sorgen, Reeds, Edwards, Cho, Chabot, Campisi, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Chairperson Felde received a certificate and photo-op with Mayor Jim Light, Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic, and Deputy Community Services Director Orta. Commissioners Cunningham, Flinn, Steinberg, Bubenicek, and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta announced graduating seniors Chairperson Felde and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt would be presented with a City Coin by Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic and Mayor Jim Light as a token of appreciation for their hard work.

Chairperson Felde and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt received a new edition of Redondo Beach's City Coin and an additional photo-op with Deputy Community Services Director Orta, Mayor Jim Light, and Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta adjourned the Acknowledgement Ceremony and opened the floor to the Youth Commission.

Chairperson Felde thanked City staff as well as the Youth Commission, expressing that the Youth Commission was fun and involved a culmination of her civic interests as she transitions out of high school. Chairperson Felde stated that the experience provided an opportunity to contribute greatly to the City of Redondo Beach, and set the tone for her future. She expressed gratitude and hope for the mission to continue.

Vice Chairperson Van Pelt expressed gratitude for the opportunity to join the Youth Commission and to make a mark. She shared that it was great working with the City and thanked staff for their support and guidance through the Youth Commission.

J.2. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced item J.2 as a standing item where Youth Commissioners are given the opportunity to share Subcommittee updates. She shared that staff coordinated meetings with Youth Commission Subcommittees as promised and debriefed how she will present the overview of each Subcommittee meeting.

The presentation included responses from each subcommittee from two standard questions, including:

- Is there anything pending that you would like next year's commission to consider regarding this subcommittee?
- Should next year's commission consider continuing the efforts of this subcommittee?

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that the Communications Subcommittee had a meeting scheduled, but no one arrived in time to participate. Before opening the floor for the Communications Subcommittee to share any updates or feedback, Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that any feedback given will be under the purview of next year's Youth Commission to determine if they will make changes based on the feedback given.

Commissioner Reeds shared that setting up a social media schedule to set up a series of social media posts for the upcoming months would be helpful. She expressed a desire to designate a social media manager within the Communications Subcommittee for next year as Commissioner Reeds felt the handling of social media was self-initiated. Commissioner Reeds expressed that the Communications Subcommittee was good because it helped make it easier to keep up with events through social media and the Redondo website and advocated to continue the Communications Subcommittee for next year.

Ad Hoc Commissioner Huynh added onto Commissioner Reed's suggestion to monthly posts, suggesting spotlights to promote local businesses and spread awareness. He expressed this was an idea that was discussed without action throughout the duration of the Communications Subcommittee. He agreed with continuing the Communications Subcommittee into next year.

Commissioner Taghvaei suggested reposting posts from the school to offer a teen-friendly environment on the social media page and provide Redondo Beach school information. She agreed with Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh's idea of posting local places and advocated for the continuation of the Communications Subcommittee into next year because of the fundamental marketing opportunities. Commissioner Taghvaei expressed social media would be the most popular way to spread the Youth Commission's mission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked if the commission could make a motion to receive and file or approve the recommendations after each subcommittee discussion, which would make feedback easier to share with next year's commission and capture the right intent.

Motion by Vice Chair Van Pelt, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaei to receive, file, and approve the Communication Subcommittee's feedback as well as the feedback received from commissioners.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta recommended confirming there were no public comments after each split motion and opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

The Teen Center Subcommittee previously met and provided the following input:

- "Is there anything pending that you would like next year's commission to consider regarding this subcommittee?"
 - Focus facility improvements on the feedback received from the open house event. Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed staff are moving that effort forward.
 - Consider programming holiday events.
- "Should next year's commission consider continuing the efforts of this subcommittee?"
 - Yes; the Teen Center Subcommittee should be active for at least one more year while the facility reopens.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta shared that the discussion led to how the Teen Center's Subcommittee would continue their efforts toward reopening the Teen Center specifically, sharing that the subcommittee would then focus on event planning. She opened the floor to the Teen Center Subcommittee for comment.

The Teen Center Subcommittee had no comments.

Deputy Community Services Director opened the floor for public comment.

Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic thanked the Youth Commission for providing a proposal for City Council to consider. She expressed that the City wanted to make the Teen Center a youth-led project for the Youth Commission to imagine the space as they would like to use it and expressed happiness seeing the suggestion of the Teen Center Subcommittee continuing. Councilmember Kaluderovic advised that the City Council will be looking into the Teen Center Subcommittee for advice if something is not working in the future.

Motion by Chair Felde, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the Teen Center Subcommittee's feedback.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

The Substance Abuse Subcommittee also previously met and provided the following input:

- "Is there anything pending that you would like next year's commission to consider regarding this subcommittee?"
 - Substance abuse was an important topic, but outreach may not be effective.
 - Consider developing posters at the pier or other public spaces in order to get information out besides what the City and the schools have already been doing. Deputy Community Services Director Orta shared the input was a steppingstone into rethinking how the City does outreach on this topic.
- "Should next year's commission consider continuing the efforts of this subcommittee?"
 - Yes, but with the request for the Substance Abuse Subcommittee to focus on the development of educational materials for public spaces.
 - The Substance Abuse Subcommittee could be renamed into the Substance Abuse Outreach Subcommittee to refine the focus of the subcommittee.
 - Additional input from the Substance Abuse Subcommittee was submitted as a Blue Folder item to consider later.

Deputy Community Services Director opened the floor for the Substance Abuse Subcommittee for comment.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh shared he was not part of the Substance Abuse Committee, however, he felt that the Substance Abuse Subcommittee should continue into next year. He shared that he read through the Blue Folder item and how it is about controlling the amount of smoke shops and tobacco related sellers in the area and suggested to rename next year's Substance Abuse Subcommittee to the Substance Control Committee since there would be a focus on managing tobacco related sellers.

Commissioner Cheves loved Ad Hoc Huynh's suggestion. She thanked the City and Youth Commission for allowing her to participate despite being an adult. She suggested partnering with Beach Cities Health District, who have a lot of education, as well as pairing it with policy because it is important for people who want to help or need available access. Commissioner Cheves expressed messaging was very important and encouraged the Youth Commission to continue reporting back. She thanked the Substance Abuse Subcommittee for all their work.

Chairperson Felde shared that she was also not part of the Substance Abuse Subcommittee but that she agreed with Commissioner Cheves regarding the availability of resources, especially the adults. She expressed appreciating the Youth Commission's perspective as teens and their knowledge into what appeals to their age group with adults able to provide professional sources and knowledge such as legal advice and policy

guidance. Chairperson Felde hopes the Substance Abuse Subcommittee continues into next year and works closely with adults.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh shared that being a part of the Communications Subcommittee made him realize that they had a lot of power to speak their minds and suggested that the Substance Abuse Subcommittee could work in tandem with the Communications Subcommittee to spread awareness.

Commissioner Taghvaei agreed that the Substance Abuse Committee should continue into next year and that outreach had not been as effective. She felt that teens were told about the harms of substance abuse but would like to continue the conversation into how substance abuse specifically affects the city, referencing the meeting where it was said Redondo Beach gave out more licenses for substances than Hermosa and Manhattan Beach. She felt that teens should know this information as many do not believe substance use is a problem in Redondo Beach.

Commissioner Cho added onto Chairperson Felde's stance on working with adults, suggesting partnerships with Alcove in the future because there is already a mix of teenagers and adults in their program as well as their ability to heavily promote their events or programs.

Deputy Community Services Director opened the floor for public comment.

Mayor Jim Light asked if the Youth Commission felt they could not bring adults in for discussion during the current year. He informed the Youth Commission and Subcommittees to reach out to staff if they would like to work with outside organizations, and that the City will do their best to make it happen. He shared that adults were not excluded from the Youth Commission but will serve as an adult liaison to help.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds to approve the Substance Abuse Subcommittee's feedback as well as feedback received by commissioners.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta transitioned to the additional item that the Substance Abuse Commission would like the Youth Commission to consider, which was spearheaded by Commissioner Cheves.

Commissioner Cheves shared the Substance Abuse Subcommittee had a discussion at last week's meeting in regard to supporting the extension of a moratorium on smoke shops. She explained that if the motion passes, the temporary moratorium would continue for the next ten months and 15 days until a stronger ordinance is in place.

Commissioner Cheves shared that there are actions the city has taken if a teenager or one of the Youth Commissioners are walking down Artesia, such as the Tobacco Health Assessment Tool. She further explained that the moratorium was put in place due to the sale of illegal products and emphasized that the moratorium was important to keep businesses accountable. She described the Blue Folder item would be to advise the City Council where the Youth Commission stands and to spread education. She shared details on the recommended statement for the Youth Commission's consideration, including:

- placing a 1,000 ft. buffer zone between smoke shops and potentially all tobacco retailers
- placing a 600 ft. buffer zone from schools, and potentially youth-oriented place.

She encouraged the Youth Commissioners to read over the report and reiterated that the Blue Folder Item is in support for the continuation of the moratorium for the next ten months and 15 days. Commissioner Cheves informed the Youth Commission that less tobacco decreases the rate of death and disease, and the less spent on healthcare. She described Manhattan Beach as an example of a city that completely banned tobacco retailers, which resulted in a 0.8% smoking rate, further comparing Manhattan Beach to Redondo Beach, where there are 53 tobacco retail licenses. She expressed a desire to mirror Hermosa Beach, who is stricter than Redondo Beach, by looking at minimum cigar pack size and tobacco free pharmacies. She expressed wanting to open the conversation on whether the Youth Commission would like to have a moratorium on smoke shops or consider supporting the ordinance as well with 1,000 ft. buffer between retailers and schools; opened the floor to the Youth Commission for thoughts.

Chairperson Felde understood the moratorium would be temporary and not an ordinance yet and asked if there are any arguments against the moratorium.

Commissioner Cheves replied that smoke shops would come out claiming the ordinance is unfair to their business with a rebuttal that there are no rights to smoke, so retailers should follow the law. She suggested that the city could work with said businesses to grandfather over time and to bring in different businesses as an option. She mentioned that those would be the only ones to pushback unless the tobacco industry showed up.

Commissioner Sorgen noticed the report stated 15 smoke shops currently in Redondo Beach, but the motion would limit it to ten. He asked what would happen to those five smoke shops and how would the city determine which businesses would be the five to leave.

Commissioner Cheves replied that it would be a conversation for the City Council; guessed the five businesses to leave would be ones that sold illegal products but does not know the answer.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that staff was unaware of how the City would handle that situation.

Deputy Community Services Director opened the floor for public comment.

Mayor Jim Light said it was an excellent question and was a topic City Council. He stated that the Planning Department and the Legal Department wrestled with it and shared that they have 15 smoke shops and would like to ratchet it back. He informed the Youth Commission that the City's strategy is to make tobacco retailers apply for a conditional use permit within three to four years and if the retailers do not apply or if a violation occurs, their businesses would be revoked, until the city reaches ten. Mayor Light added once the city reached ten smoke shops, the city would not award new shops. He further stated that the city has not picked a final method and that they are thinking of cutting one or two smoke shops per district, which would lead to a maximum of ten shops and a minimum of five; however, it would take years to attrit to that level.

Chairperson Felde asked Mayor Light if he sees Redondo Beach pursuing a ban such as Manhattan Beach in the future.

Mayor Light did not know what kind of ban Manhattan Beach has in place, but informed the Youth Commission it is an option they can recommend for the city to look into. He expressed personally being against smoking, sharing that there were other bans such as Manhattan Beach's ban on smoking in multi-family dwellings. He shared in the past that the City has advocated for personal rights and would prefer not to tread on that; however, it would be great to hear feedback from the Youth Commission if they would otherwise prefer a ban. Mayor Light shared the city reads and take into account every piece of feedback, further sharing that he would certainly be willing to open up the subject more broadly, but it would have to be agendized and addressed by staff.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh asked Mayor Light if the city is looking to discourage smoke shops in Redondo, or are they looking at a path where smoke shops are banned entirely.

Mayor Light confirmed that the city is not heading toward a total ban but are trying to discourage it. He expressed that the City was surprised to see how many smoke shops were arising suddenly, which is not only bad from a health perspective, but other businesses would not want to locate next to a smoke shop.

Chairperson Felde mentioned working next to a smoke shop in the Riviera where she witnessed demographic shifts.

Mayor Light recommended the Youth Commission to share feedback with the City. He expressed personally loving to tackle the idea on the Council and shared that Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic initially brought the ban up. He felt prideful that everyone supported the idea, and shared similar restrictions regarding distances and

how many per district when they wrote the cannabis ordinance. Mayor Light informed the Youth Commission that the City has a template now and are trying to define which businesses they would like to attract, as well as provide incentives and restrictions depending on the type of business. He shared that smoke shops are one of the businesses the city is tackling. He expressed that the whole Council would likely not opt for a total ban due to beliefs in business rights and the free market, but personally believes in shutting all smoke shops down.

Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic shared the proposed number of ten allowed smoke shops had not been defined or voted on. She informed the Youth Commission that everything continued to be up for debate. She shared Mayor Light's sentiments in wanting to hear the Youth Commission's feedback, sharing that she has witnessed a lot of smoke shop advertisements targeting youth. Councilmember Kaluderovic expressed that the Youth Commission's feedback holds a lot of weight in the discussion about smoke shops and assured the Youth Commission that if a total ban is what they would prefer over other policy changes, to share that with the City Council. She referenced Mayor Light's point that there are five representatives within City Council and the Mayor, with varied opinions, but the Youth Commission are all an advisory body.

Commissioner Cheves wanted to note to the Youth Commission, more data could be provided, such as data on LA County and the Beach Cities Health District. As an example, she informed the Youth Commission that if they look at the data, the smoking rate is low in Redondo Beach, around 5.7%. She expressed the majority of residents would likely be behind an item like this if everyone gathered together, but felt the youth voice is the most important. She commended smoke free multi-unit housing, sharing Redondo has a lot more multi-unit housing compared to other cities. Commissioner Cheves further noted that although the idea about smoke free multi-unit housing had not been considered before, it would improve their city grade of B from the American Lung Association instantaneously. She expressed that it would be easier to ban tobacco overall, because it would be an umbrella term or going one by one; opening the floor to the Youth Commission for comment.

Chairperson Felde asked if Commissioner Cheves was hoping for further input from the general commission on the subcommittee's note or proposed statement, or just an approval of the motion.

Commissioner Cheves responded yes, as well as any pushback or changes to the motion. She understood the Youth Commission may need more time to read through the report and asked if the Youth Commission felt comfortable nonetheless to support the moratorium.

Commissioner Chabot expressed that she does support the moratorium, but wanted to know how long it would take for a total tobacco ban to be put in effect. She shared it would be good for the City to get rid of tobacco, expressing concerns over the

potentially closed businesses and citizens who are smokers potentially struggling with the ban; expressed the ban should be gradual.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that every issue is drawn out differently, and it would be something the City Council would consider with ordinances. She explained when an ordinance is adopted, there is an official date of when the ordinance will go into effect; therefore, an ordinance could be added to the municipal code on a different day than it goes into effect.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh asked if there was an age requirement to buy tobacco products.

Commissioner Cheves responded 21 was the legal age to buy tobacco products.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh suggested enforcing stricter rules or punishments for youth who buy tobacco products as a way to decrease substance abuse related concerns.

Commissioner Cheves asked if Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh meant increasing the fines for the retailer.

Ad Hoc Commission Member Huynh responded yes.

Commissioner Cheves agreed with fining the retailer, noting that the City tries to avoid penalizing the buyer instead, increasing the penalties for those who sold the substance. She agreed it could be included into the moratorium and look at what penalties could be.

Chairperson Felde asked if the concern of the City Council was the sale of products or the acceptance of fake IDs from minors.

Commissioner Cheves responded that she believed that it was the sale of the illegal product. She informed the Youth Commission that California has banned flavored tobacco, yet retailers continue to sell it as well as intoxicating hemp, or cannabis products without a license.

Chairperson Felde asked if the City had a number of how many out of the 15 smoke shops are selling illegal products.

Commissioner Cheves answered they did not know, but they could get that information from the City.

Chairperson Felde asked if any smoke shops were doing illegal activity, would it help the number go down to ten to follow the moratorium.

Commissioner Cheves believed so; asked the Youth Commission if they agree with the number of ten total smoke shops.

Chairperson Felde felt two per district was still a high number, personally feeling that two per city would be a good number. She agreed the commerce side of the smoke shops is difficult and a strong argument, however. She referenced smoke shops are heavily weighted in one part of the city such as Artesia or Riviera village and raised concerns that keeping two smoke shops per district could cause unnatural movement of smoke shops.

Commissioner Cheves advocated the distance between retailers would be helpful to change the close proximity between two shops, noting why she believed inclusion of language that specified the Youth Commission support to keep smoke shops apart from each other and apart from proximity to teens; especially the Teen Center.

Chairperson Felde found the 5% data point very interesting because it displayed that most residents do not benefit from smoke shops or have a general effect on residents and could be argued either way.

Commissioner Reeds expressed supporting the moratorium where it currently stands would be a good starting point. She noted because the moratorium lasts for ten months, next year's Youth Commission would be able to provide steps on how to move forward.

Chairperson Felde asked if ordinance is getting discussed at the June 10th City Council meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta answered that the ordinance is tentatively scheduled for the June 10th City Council meeting.

Chairperson Felde asked if City Council had a timeline to pass the ordinance or write it into municipal code.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta was not aware of a timeline.

Chairperson Felde asked if the Youth Commission would have more time to give input if it is out of their time range.

Commissioner Cheves asked if the Youth Commission are meeting over the summer.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta replied that the next item on the agenda is for the Youth Commission to consider holding a September meeting. She further shared that potentially there could be a September meeting but there would be no other summer meetings. She informed the Youth Commission that they could recommend for next year's Youth Commission to consider this item. She shared that staff could put

together a more robust information package for the next year's Youth Commission to consider.

Chairperson Felde asked if they would need to motion and a second to approve continuing the conversation into next year's Youth Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta answered yes.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if there were any more comments.

The Youth Commission had no more comments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds for next year's Youth Commission to consider providing input to the City Council on the moratorium on smoke shops.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked if there was any input the Youth Commission would like to give on the presented information to share with City Council for its upcoming discussion.

Commissioner Reeds asked if they need to motion to submit their feedback.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta answered yes, the Youth Commission can submit it as stated or if there are any revisions or additions the Youth Commission would like to make.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if there were any changes anyone would like to make, suggesting that the commerce and free market, as well as pinpointing illegalities should be further addressed.

The Youth Commission had no more comments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds to approve the recommended statement regarding the extended moratorium on smoke shops, including mention of commerce and free market considerations as well as illegalities, to be shared with the City Council.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Chairperson Felde asked if this item would apply to this year's Youth Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed it would be. She shared that when staff were looking at the calendar, they realized that commissioners were incorrectly told that there would be a full summer recess. Staff realized after looking at the calendar closer that the Youth Commission typically has recess for the months of July and August; however, the new Youth Commission won't get seated until October, which leaves out the month of September. Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that Redondo Beach's municipal code does allow for commissions to cancel forthcoming meetings if there is nothing scheduled on the agenda. She shared that staff did not have anything scheduled due to being under the impression there would be no September meeting; however, a meeting could occur if the Youth Commission would like. She further noted that the Community Services Department has the resources to hold a September meeting and may bring all of the Youth Commission members back for a final meeting in September if they would like. Ultimately, she expressed wanting to give an opportunity for the Youth Commission to consider cancelling the September meeting.

Commissioner Reeds noted that both Chairperson Felde and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt will be in college; recommended to leave the months after summer to next year's Youth Commission.

Chairperson Felde agreed with Commissioner Reeds and expressed there wouldn't be a reason for the Youth Commission to meet again after staff had received adequate feedback and input for the future of the Youth Commission. She shared they personally wouldn't attend and asked the Youth Commission if anyone would like to meet in September.

Commissioner Chabot felt that the Youth Commission finalized everything very well and raised concerns that the next meeting would be rusty due to the two-month recess. there wouldn't be anything for the Youth Commission to talk about, and most important, Chairperson Felde and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt would be absent.

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi to cancel the September meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

J.4. STAFF LIASON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that there were two updates:

- Community Services will be doing pop-up teen programming events throughout the summer, to get some excitement for the Teen Center reopening, which staff hope to align in fall semester. She would like to continue email communication to share information throughout the summer and expressed the Youth Commission have been great forwarding information.
- The Youth Commission received 26 applications for next year and expressed it was a great number and a testament to the Youth Commissioners as they jumped in without knowing what it entailed, but set a good pace and became a good example for upcoming commissions with a lot of excited Redondo Beach Youth. She shared staff will be conducting interviews soon and reaching out to all of the applicants, which includes many from this year's Youth Commission. She expressed feeling very excited for their return and shared that they will be reaching out for interviews sometime in June.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta thanked the Youth Commission for being a pleasure to work with.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:34 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 02, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried 10-0, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubeniceck, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, and Weiss were absent.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director