



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
Closed Session – Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist/Liaison

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

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

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

Administrative Specialist Bodkin reported no hands raised on Zoom and no eComments.

**F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Name of case:**

**Joseph Rangel v. City of Redondo Beach WCAB No: Unassigned**

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

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**  
**Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager**  
**Katherine Buck, Acting Waterfront & Economic Development Director**  
**Jon Goetz, Redwood Public Law**

**PROPERTY:**

**123 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**  
**(a portion of APN: 7505-002-908)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Raman Walia, Multiverse Platforms - Level Up Bowl & Bistro**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

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**PROPERTY:**

**Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot and Seaside Lagoon**  
**(portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Price and Terms**

Administrative Specialist Bodkin read titles to be discussed at Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Joy Ford, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Outside Legal Counsel Carolyn Beliso, Acting W.E.D. Director Katherine Buck, Outside Legal Counsel Jon Goetz, Special Project Manager David Biggs, and Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to recess to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

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

Mayor Light announced they would break from Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. for the raising of the Pride Flag and for proclamation in front of the Civic Center.

**G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

**H. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Derek Kalish, Assistant City Clerk

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky reported no announcements that evening.

**J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Derek Kalish, Assistant City Clerk

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

Mayor Light invited veterans and active-duty military to stand and be recognized for their service.

Alana, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Birney Elementary School, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Light asked all to remain standing for a moment of silent invocation.

**D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/AB 1234 TRAVEL**

Mayor Light announced they presented a proclamation earlier proclaiming this month as Pride Month and raised the Pride Flag over the Civic Center.

Councilmember Behrendt reported he attended the Medal of Valor event and he does have expenses for it, which are viewable and retrievable from their executive assistant; announced the Pillars of Public Safety, Part 4, event with LA DA Nathan Hochman at 6:00 p.m. at the RBPAC; announced he and Councilmember Kaluderovic would be hosting a Crossing Guard meeting on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria; noted it would likely be the final crossing guard meeting for the year featuring Captain Long, Traffic Engineer Ryan Liu, Assistant to the City Manager Jane Chung, Officer Kyle Lofstrom, Dan Elder from the RBUSD Board of Education, Dr. Nancy Kelley from RBUSD, and possibly Amy Huh from the Redondo Beach PTA and the host will be Lincoln Elementary School Principal Dr. Christine Kim; acknowledged Assistant to the City Manager Jane Chung for all her hard work with the Crossing Guard Program.

Councilmember Waller reported attending the South Bay Medal of Valor Awards, noted he saw nine RB First Responders honored at the event; attended the RB Ed Foundation Gala and the first two cruise and Lagoon car shows; reported they had the Memorial Day Ceremony last week and the City received a commendation from the Governor; attended the retirement celebration for two RB Community Services employees and the RBUSD Retirement Celebration for over 20 were being honored, including Dr. Annette Alpern, last week; reported attending the RBUSD Student of the Year Awards, honoring 12 students, and attended the ribbon cutting for Glam Craft Nail Lounge on PCH in South Redondo last week; announced the Dine-Around-Riviera Village the following day where 24 restaurants and 10 retailers are participating; announced he will be attending the Clean Power Lines Board Meeting, the Redondo High School Scholarship Ceremony, the League of California Cities Housing Community Economic Development Policy meeting, and the last Cruzin' at the Lagoon; announced the Keep the Esplanade Beautiful's Saturday Sweep at 9:00 a.m. on Avenue I and Esplanade.

Mayor Light noted that Councilmember Waller would also be representing the City at the

Sanitation District Meeting the next day.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the Medal of Valor; announced at the last South Bay Regional Housing Trust meeting they approved a \$6 million funding gap for a project in Hawthorne; provided details of the project, reported that the City of Hawthorne would be putting \$7 million of their own funds into the project, commented that this is an example of housing that a city is actually asking for, in a place that they are wanting it, and the Housing Trust voted to do it and make it happen.

Councilmember Castle reported attending the Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, the Medal of Valor luncheon, and the Cruzin' at the Lagoon (which is every Friday afternoon through September 11<sup>th</sup>); announced he would be hosting a Community Meeting with Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause at Wilderness Park in the morning, the kickoff to the Summer Reading at the Library at City Hall, and the Juneteenth Celebration in front of City Hall all on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Light reported he and Councilmember Obagi both attended the Medal of Valor luncheon and stated they would be recognizing those who earned the medals from Redondo Beach at a future Council meeting; thanked all that came out for the event; reported hosting a State of the City event at the Library; stated he attended the Sanitation District Meeting two weeks ago and voted on rates for the upcoming years, explained there is still one more meeting regarding rates which Councilmember Waller will substitute in for due to the Mayor having another commitment; announced that they had the ribbon cutting for Dominguez Park Playground and spoke at the Memorial Day Ceremony; acknowledged Tom Lassar and his team for putting on the great event; reported that he would be representing their region, the South Bay, at the Southern California Association of Governments.

## **E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

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

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

## **F. AGENCY RECESS**

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to recess to the meeting of the Housing Authority at 6:16 p.m.

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

### **F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **F.2. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING FROM AGENCY RECESS – 6:31 P.M.**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Emily Bodkin, Administrative Specialist/Liaison

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

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

City Clerk Manzano reported Blue Folder items for J.1, L.2, and P.1.

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

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

## **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2026**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

### **H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: A. MAY 5, 2026 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING B. MAY 12, 2026 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

### **H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS CHECKS 30615-30623 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,329.34, PD. 5/22/26 DIRECT DEPOSIT 311828-311467 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,540,643.80, PD. 5/22/26**

EFT/ACH \$11,120.18, PD. 5/8/26 (PP2610)  
EFT/ACH \$11,120.18, PD. 5/22/26 (PP2611)  
EFT/ACH \$485,227.49, PD. 6/1/26 (PP2610)

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS**

**CHECKS 124900-125061 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,549,977.29**

**EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$579,095.10**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT 100010503-100010589 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,251.39,  
PD.6/1/26**

**CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

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

**1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EASY READER, INC. FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES AT A COST OF \$11.00 PER COLUMN INCH (WITH A TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2026-27 OF \$34,500) FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.6. ACCEPT AS COMPLETE KINGSDALE AVENUE RESURFACING (BETWEEN GRANT AVENUE AND 182ND STREET) PROJECT, JOB NO. 40880; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER AND RELEASE THE FINAL RETENTION PAYMENT OF \$59,103 TO SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, UPON EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD AFTER SAID RECORDATION AND NO CLAIMS BEING FILED ON THE PROJECT**

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

**H.7. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE THREE-YEAR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CASHEL CORPORATION, DBA INTEGRATED MEDIA SYSTEMS, FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES NEEDED TO UPDATE THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER AUDIO VISUAL ENCODER INCREASING THE AGREEMENT'S NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$136,032 TO \$192,439**

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

**H.8. ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2606-034, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$150,705.93 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) FUNDS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS FUND FOR HOUSING NAVIGATOR SUPERVISOR SALARY REIMBURSEMENT (\$75,167.45) AND PALLET SHELTER OPERATIONS (\$75,538.48)**

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

**H.9. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION REPORT FOR SETTLEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000**

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

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve H.1 through H.9.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

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

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

City Clerk Manzano read H.1 adopt by 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2606-034.

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

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

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

Julie Parrino, 1920 Huntington Ln. in District 4, reported that she was one of the residents that received a code enforcement violation for 10-2.1524 regarding hedges; thanked Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt for the proposed reform requiring a bona fide complaint from an actual neighbor in order to enforce the code; noted that the code enforcement of the ordinance has affected over 50 residents; asked the Council to direct the City Attorney to recommend a pause on enforcement pending notice during the review of the code, explained that some residents have already complied costing them thousands of dollars and irreversible removal of decades old vegetation only to be told the City is now reconsidering the code; asked the Council, once the compliant process is revised, that pending notices be set aside because the complaints would have been filed under the previous process; noted that her own certified letter to code enforcement, requesting measurable compliance standard and a brief extension, has gone unanswered; asked that the reform of the code address the ambiguity in what compliance means and pointed out that what is not clear is when trees are considered a continuous hedge since there is no measurable standard given; commented that the ordinance does not provide consistent standards.

Mayor Light reminded the audience that clapping is out of order.

Jo Dresner, Redondo Beach resident since 2005, reported that they received a notice

regarding their front yard hedges that have been in place for over 12 years; stated that they learned that the notices that she and other residents have been received are from a single resident and not from concerns by immediate neighbors; stated, due to the notices, long standing landscaping features throughout the community are being subject to enforcement and are creating significant emotional and financial stress for homeowners; asked the City to review both the code and the complaint driven enforcement process to ensure it considers safety, visibility, and maintenance but also considers privacy, noise, preserves greenery, and maintains the character of the neighborhoods; hoped the City would also consider factors such as neighborhood support, safety, proper maintenance, and the duration a feature has existed before enforcement actions move forward; reported that she has collected over 70 signatures from immediate and surrounding neighbors who support preserving their landscaping and noted that they also installed a visibility mirror; asked that the City consider revising both the code and the enforcement process so that reasonable context and community input could be considered before enforcement actions begin.

Hai Tran stated that he had pictures to share with the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to receive and file.

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

Hai Tran, professor at LMU and 11-year resident of District 4, reported that on May 11<sup>th</sup> he received a notice of violation that other neighbors received; explained that he lives in the back unit of his duplex and rents out the front units and the hedge provides privacy for the front yard units; asked that the Mayor and Council revise the ordinance and the complaint system, also noted that his understanding is that it is one individual who is filing the complaints; thanked Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt for their engagement with residents on the issue; asked Council to advocate for a temporary pause in enforcement actions until there's been enough time to review the ordinance because compliance is irreversible; showed the pictures he had taken from Google Maps that morning and described how barren it looks now that some residents have complied.

Tony Trutanich, Tony's on the Pier, reported that he and his two boys started a pressure washing business that now handles many different buildings; explained that there is an office space that is extremely dirty and noticed that the landlords had been showing it to prospective tenants so he offered to wash the building down for free; reported that, the day after he offered, he received a negative certified letter telling him he could not and if he did there would be penalties; stated that he has seen kids with buckets and soap trying to wash down the buildings and commented that they would not be able to properly get the algae off; asked if there was anything the Council could do to have an open discussion with the City so the landlord would accept his offer; explained that he wants to beautify the Pier and the Village so he hoped there was some way to get them to accept his offer.

Maximilian Hauenstein asked for a motion to receive and file for his proposal.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file the documents.

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

Max Hauenstein, along with Selim Ozkan, provided details of his art project proposal to create a mosaic from sanitized trash and litter from around the City; stated that they have received funding and support from Keep the Esplanade Beautiful and from Ms. Guzman the RUHS Art teacher and incoming art students; requested that the City provide them with a flat surface where they can put the project; noted what they have submitted are two rough drafts of two different ideas they have and that their goal is to spread awareness and bring the community together.

Council requested their contact information.

Jim Mueller, District 5, spoke about the success of the NRB Farmers Market and that it confirms that North Redondo residents want a safe, walkable neighborhood where they can walk to activities which will boost the enterprises around the area; stated that more crowd attracting events could increase the total commercial activity significantly and that the City should help; reported academic studies have confirmed when people feel safe to gather they boost sales of goods and services all around which means more revenue for the City; commented that the attempts for larger developments on Artesia continue to stall and that the City should look more locally and creatively for commercial potential that exists in the Artesia neighborhood; suggested using empty areas of parking lots or vacant stores or buildings to hold events; also suggested a three-part strategy for Artesia corridor: 1) slow down the traffic, 2) turn unused spaces into public spaces, and 3) encourage more activities around commercial retail.

Daniella Wodnicki, District 4, spoke in regard to the City's recent enforcement of the hedge requirement in North Redondo; clarified that none of the residents in the neighborhood are arguing against maintaining their yards; stated the real issue is the City's current interpretation is forcing residents to choose between legal action or permanently damaging healthy trees; explained that she has three drought tolerant trees about two feet wide and to create the required separation she was instructed to cut them in half; stated that any certified arborist would say topping, line tailing, or excessive pruning can permanently damage or kill trees; noted that the City has adopted professional standards for the care of its public trees and can impose fines up to \$15,000 for the damage of public trees but now residents are being directed to perform those actions on their own properties; asked the Council to pause the enforcement until staff develops a policy that is consistent with accepted arboricultural practices; reported that the state Urban Forester, Walter Passmore, offered to provide guidance at no cost to the City; asked that the City establish a formal appeal process to residents to challenge citations before being forced to alter or remove healthy trees and asked that residents facing enforcement or legal action be given correct information; urged the Council again to pause enforcement.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, asked permission to submit material.  
Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to receive and file.

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

Georgette Gantner stated she noticed that the condition of the Redondo Beach Wyland is horribly neglected; said she discovered that public art is protected through the Visual Arts Rights Act of 1990; explained that in 1991 Wyland created the Whaling Wall and, regardless of there being a contract or not with the City, the art is protected and cannot be destroyed without the consent of the artist; reported that Wyland's 82<sup>nd</sup> Whaling Wall in Dallas, TX was painted over without his consent and other artists in the past have sued and won cases; reported that the info is highlighted in the packet she distributed to them; said she had two points: 1) the wall is in bad shape but hoped the current owners were not considering doing anything to it because the City does not need more lawsuits or to lose the iconic piece, and 2) they should consider contacting Wyland to see if they can obtain an estimate for him to restore the wall; suggested the City keep that building and make it public parking.

Mickey Johnson thanked Jim Mueller for reminding her to speak about Dine-Around-Artesia; announced the event dates would be July 20<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and August 20<sup>th</sup>; commented that it is the biggest economic development program they have in North Redondo, it was started in 2011 by Clark Adams, and it sells out every year.

Heidi Maniachi spoke of confusion regarding who was responsible for the Athens trash rate increase; stated the new rate structure for multi-unit complexes doubled the rates with only a 30 day notice; reported that her complex will go from \$751 per month to \$1,548 per month; stated that people don't understand the changes because Redondo Beach residents had already been separating their trash, recyclables, and green waste; questioned what Athens would be doing between June and July that would require charging twice as much or more to customers; commented that if Athens is separating everything already why would residents need a recycling bin; noted that the contract should also have a clause that says Athens can only raise rates a certain percentage per year; suggested and requested that the Council re-review the contract; reported that Athens response to her was that she should have people reduce their amount of trash, which is unacceptable.

Mark Nelson (via Zoom) voiced concern that no one on the Council spoke of the money the City put into an apartment complex that is \$820,000 per unit; stated the typical cost of an apartment complex is about \$400,000 to \$500,000; suggested before any more money is given to out of the fund for projects that someone does more due diligence; in regard to Athens, he recalled making a comment that the City did not do a qualifying Prop 218 study and that it did not seem to meet the burden; stated, in regard to the Allcove Building which is a 9,000 sq. ft. building, it requires 30 parking places and currently only has eight; commented that they cannot expect people to walk 2,000 feet from the Allcove

Building to 514 for the rest of the parking spaces and opined that something went wrong in the permitting process by the City; reported that internally BCHD has signs up saying no truck parking because they are remodeling two floors of 510 so instead trucks are parking on Prospect blocking a northbound lane and in front of an ADA compliant bus stop; reported that he sent the Mayor and Council photos of people with walkers and canes struggling to catch a northbound bus and suggested enforcement be done there; reported that BCHD did construction starting at 10:00 p.m. on a Saturday night and needs to be looked into.

City Clerk Manzano reported three more Zoom speakers.

Mayor Light reported that they were over the 30-minute limit and concluded Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

## **K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Light reported speaking with multiple Councilmembers and the City Manager regarding both items.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking with City staff, the Mayor, Councilmember Obagi, and members of the public for L.1 and the Mayor, Councilmember Obagi, staff and members of the public for L.2.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking with the Mayor, staff, and members of the public for L.2.

Councilmember Castle reported speaking with the City staff for L.1 and the Mayor, staff, and members of the public for L.2.

Councilmember Waller reported speaking with staff and members of the public for both L.1 and L.2.

## **L. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STREET LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2606-035, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT, AND LEVYING OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE STREET LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027**

#### **PROCEDURES:**

- 1. Open the public hearing, take testimony and deliberate;**
- 2. Close the public hearing; and**

### **3. Adopt Resolution No. CC-2606-035**

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

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

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

City Engineer Lauren Sablan explained that the program maintains the street light signals and landscape medians which costs about \$2.7 million annually for operations and maintenance (does not include projects or upgrades); reported that \$1.5 million is paid by assessments collected through the City's property tax bills from property owners and \$1.2 million is typically funded by the City's General Fund; stated to increase the assessment fee would require a Prop 218 process, an Engineer's Report to determine the new assessment fee, and require the property owners to vote by majority; noted that the process would take about 12 months and about \$250,000 for the Report and ballot services.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the majority votes would be of property owners or just votes.

City Engineer Sablan replied that a majority of votes by property owners in the affirmative and it is an approval vote, not a protest vote; stated that staff's recommendation is for Council to adopt the resolution to confirm the diagram assessment report and levying of the assessment for the Street Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District for the FY 2026-27.

Mayor Light asked if anyone from the public wished to address the item.

Assistant City Clerk Kalish reported no one online and no eComments.

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adopt Resolution No. CC-2606-035 confirming the diagram assessment and levying of the assessment for the Street Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District for the fiscal year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

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

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2606-035.

## **L.2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### **PROCEDURES:**

- 1. Open the Public Hearing;**
- 2. Discuss the Proposed Budget (with a Focus on Operations);**
- 3. Take testimony;**
- 4. Receive and file Budget Response Reports; and,**
- 5. Continue the Public Hearing to June 9, 2026**

**CONTACT:** STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

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

City Manager Witzansky brought forward the City's formal hearing process for the 26-27 Proposed Budget; explained that evening's purpose was to focus on the operating side of the budget and hoped to save any questions regarding the proposed five-year CIP for next week's hearing; provided an overview of that evening's discussion which included: General Fund Summary, Decision Package Highlights, Budget Response Reports, Budget Calendar, and Recommendations; reported that they would discuss 18 of the 46 BBR's that evening, another tier would be part of next week's hearing packet, and any residual BRR's would be part of the June 16<sup>th</sup> final agenda packet for the budget; provided the same General Fund Summary with Recommendations slide shown a couple of weeks prior, recapped that the City began the process with just under \$1.4 million set aside at mid-year to help balance that year's operational costs; reviewed the information on the slide; provided a slide with information on the Decision Packages, stated that the DP's are a net positive to the City and they focus mostly on revenues; provided Decision Package highlights for:

- DP #2 Parking Meter Fee increase - \$2 increasing to \$2.25
- DP #3 Special Event Street Use Fee – New concept for Redondo Beach, fee of \$8,000 per mile pro rata
- DP #5 Community Development Fee increases – anticipates about \$1 million a year in General Fund revenue
- DP #20 Police Technology, Equipment, Training – aim to fully fund the City's Drone as a First Responder Program and funding one-time training for the dept.
- DP #24 Fire coaching and wellness service – for employee health and well-being
- DP #28 Contract Building Plan Review – accelerate turnaround times for the issuance of permits; memorializes the City's anticipated revenues and expenses associated with the continuation next fiscal year
- DP #30 Waterfront/Community Services Director Reorganization – combines the Waterfront operations and the Community Services Department into one

- director role; not intended to take away the Waterfront Department
- DP #32 Flexible Hiring Freeze – cornerstone to balancing the City’s budget this year, approximately 5% across funds with full-time staffing, about \$2.9 million in savings for the City, and avoids drawing from the Reserve Fund.

City Manager Witzansky reported there are 32 DP’s in total for that evening but 46 overall DP’s; asked the Council to be judicious with additional requests as staff is working through trying to complete the existing 46; reiterated that 18 DP’s were in the packet that evening and going into the weekend; stated that evening was the first of the three public hearings, June 9<sup>th</sup> would be CIP, and June 16<sup>th</sup> would focus on Budget and CIP adoption, fees, and Gann Limit; noted that staff has a new format for the CIP descriptions and he would like to know what each Councilmembers’ priority project is and the Mayor’s; reported that Finance Director Meyer and himself met with the Budget & Finance Commission already and the Commission would be meeting again on the 11<sup>th</sup> to provide recommendations to the Mayor and Council; provided a slide with staff’s Recommended Actions: 1) open public hearing, 2) conduct Operating Budget Q&A, 3) take public comment, 4) direct staff regarding any additional BRR’s, and 5) continue public hearing to June 9, 2026.

Mayor Light asked if staff wanted input on the DP’s and the BRR’s they have gotten to date.

City Manager Witzansky replied that any Q&A related to the operating budget.

Mayor Light referenced DP #30, spoke in support of having a director over both Community Services and the Harbor but spoke in opposition of losing manpower in the W.E.D. group overall; voiced concern of further dilution of the Harbor since it is already parsed out between several different organizations; said he was supportive of it being short term but long term felt a more robust staff to handle the amount of work would be needed.

City Manager Witzansky agreed with the Mayor regarding long term goals; stated that the Harbor Uplands and Tidelands Funds are under some level of distress but staff’s proposed budget should provide structural balance next fiscal year for the Tidelands and, with the City’s DPs, the Uplands will be close to balance next fiscal year on an actualized basis; reported that the City has part-time staffing to help in the Waterfront next fiscal year.

Mayor Light stated that he is supportive as long as it is clearly stated that it is a temporary reduction so future Councils would understand it was meant to be temporary due to budget constraint; referenced DP #32 and voiced support of the flexible hiring freeze but reported no listing was given and they should know what positions they are not hiring against in making budget determinations; highlighted that there appears to be no hiring freeze in Public Safety.

City Manager Witzansky explained that due to the hiring practices of Public Safety and the time it takes to bring new recruits in, clear background, complete academy, and pass

their field training program natural savings already occur in that department; stated that staff feel confident that their natural vacancy, attrition, and hiring practices over the course of the year will likely lead to about \$2.9 million savings but the intention is for himself and Director Meyer to look at projections on a monthly or quarterly basis to see if they are more occupied than needed; noted they may have to be firmer on authorizing recruitments and vice versa; explained the with DP #32 Council is authorizing staff to make sure that they are monitoring the number and acting against that number and being opportunistic with the savings as they arise.

Mayor Light asked the City Manager if they could be more specific on which vacancies they are targeting because it is shown as just a Labor Category.

City Manager Witzansky replied that the short answer is anything that is vacant currently that does not have a hiring lag is likely to remain vacant until they are certain they will achieve the \$2.9 million goal.

Discussion followed regarding needing more clarity in the BRRs, what positions are currently frozen, and which they will actively fill over the course of the fiscal year.

City Manager Witzansky replied that he could produce a list of the frozen positions if Council approves DP #32.

Mayor Light explained that he has concerns with the charges to the Harbor Tidelands and Uplands with respect to four positions that are listed because he was told by the City Manager that they are funded to three but it clearly says four; reported that one of the responses for the BRR says there is 2.5 for each of the Tidelands and the Uplands which indicates five; said he didn't observe four FTE and was not sure if there was even three and stated if they are intending to staff people at the Harbor he wants to make sure the City isn't charging the Harbor for hours on people that aren't actually doing work at the Harbor, but doing work elsewhere in the City because the Harbor budget is so tight.

City Manager Witzansky explained currently the organizational structure shows four dedicated to the Marine Enforcement Unit: one for sergeant and three officers, and one of the officer positions is vacant; explained further that if he went to the RBPD's overall vacancy of five, one of the five vacant officer positions is assigned to the Marine Enforcement Unit; stated what is currently expected to be charged to the Uplands and Tidelands are the three filled positions over the course of the fiscal year and they are not setting an allocation against the funds based on the organization structure but the actual positions that are filled.

Mayor Light referenced BRR #32, Harbor Tidelands Fund, Spending by Department and Type, the Proposed Budget for 26-27 says 2.5 personnel from PD are charged and the budgeted amount (if approved) would increase the budget substantially from the current budget; provided examples of his concern and said if they approve the BRR then they would be increasing the budget.

Finance Director Meyer asked for clarification on what two pieces of data the Mayor is referring to.

Discussion followed to clarify which pages and sections the Mayor was referring to regarding BRR #32.

Mayor Light stated he was looking at page 238, the Harbor Tidelands and Uplands for PD.

Finance Director Meyer, in response to the Mayor's question, stated that the numbers in the budget and BRR should match exactly and would look at it in detail to find out why they do not match and provide an explanation.

City Manager Witzansky asked Lina Carrillo, PD's Senior Management Analyst, and RBPD Chief Sprengel to come to the podium to answer what civilian positions are assigned to the Uplands entitlements.

Senior Mgmt. Analyst Hashmi responded that a Jailer position is assigned, and it is not currently filled.

City Manager Witzansky stated that is the difference; explained what they are seeing in the BRR is they have half a Jailer assigned to the Uplands and half a Jailer assigned to the Tidelands but currently that position is vacant so the City is not charging for that position from the two funds; stated that is where the 2.5 comes from, it's an aggregate number of FTEs, and that's the charge.

Mayor Light reported that the dollar amount under Police Department under attachment 1 to the BRR says it is \$596,000 for Tidelands and Uplands but under Harbor it only says \$470,000.

More discussion followed. Mayor Light supported Finance Director Meyer researching it.

Finance Director Meyer pointed out that the CIP Manager said the issue could be that he was looking at just one division of the PD versus the entire department; noted that page 238 had just one division.

More discussion followed. Mayor Light commented they should discuss it offline, so they don't tie up the meeting.

City Manager Witzansky stated one important point is there is budgeted and then there is actual expending so if the positions are not filled, actual spending in those two funds will not occur; explained further that there is not an automatic withdrawal from the fund just because the FTEs are assigned budgetarily to those locations.

Mayor Light referenced BRR #8 regarding the proposed fee to charge per mile for street usage and asked about exemptions for special events, used the example of the NRB Farmers Market.

City Manager Witzansky responded that currently the NRB Farmers Market is exempt from all City fees through November with the pilot program; offered options for the Mayor and Council to consider: 1) wait until the conclusion of the pilot program, assess the status of the program, and then determine if the City is going to continue the fee waiver at that time, 2) preemptively identify now the fee waiver as part of the Signature Event subsidy list, or 3) tailor the new fee to periodic events rather than recurring events in order to narrow the fee's scope and Special Events imply a one-off category; spoke of the NRB Farmers Market currently operating under a Special Event Permit but, at the conclusion of the pilot program, change it to pay an annualized license for the activity as a programmatic event, not a Special Event, and would not be subject to the Special Event Street Closure Fee.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light voiced concern that the new Street Closure Fee would negatively affect the events that benefit the local community, have been long existing, and have become a tradition for Redondo Beach's community.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the event program allows the Mayor and Council to decide which events fall into the Special Event or programmatic event category, they would list which events are covered under subsidy and at what amount.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Light stated that he is supportive of the fee and supportive of not renting out the City's roads every day or every weekend but voiced concern that some of the City's long-standing events may fold up and go away based on the fee.

Councilmember Castle asked if the City could waive a fee like they waive business license fees.

City Manager Witzansky responded that business license fees are procedural in the municipal code for business licenses; reported the way to waive the Street Closure Fee is by Council action.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light voiced concern that there isn't enough time before they publish the budget to meet and assess each of the special events; stated they could just wait to see if the event will go away before they decide if the City will waive it.

City Manager Witzansky explained if the event were to be charged, the fee would have the opportunity to pass the fee onto its participants, revenue is generated on City streets (which they don't currently have); noted that it is the Council's prerogative to decide if the City does not share in that revenue because they view it as providing an intrinsic value to

the community.

Councilmember Waller stated, as he understands it, Council needs to make a decision whether the City is going to have the fee, then create a subsidy for the local events they want to retain, or if they are going to have a different structure; said, as he sees it, staff is trying to create a fee that is simple and, if the Council wants to subsidize an event, then Council will need to create a subsidy that covers the new fee; asked if the Council needs to choose the subsidy amounts now or if that could be later.

City Manager Witzansky stated they would need to choose the subsidy amounts that evening but could decide to waive a fee later based on an individualized basis; stressed that creating a subsidy against anticipated revenue or reimbursement for cost needs to be established that evening under a 4/5ths action.

Mayor Light asked to clarify that they could waive the fee.

City Manager Witzansky used the NRB Farmers Market as an example of how the City waived all fees through the pilot program but noted it had no new cost to the City and could do it without a 4/5ths budget modification; stated if Council wants to subsidize an activity that has costs associated with it, then that would be a budget modification and requires 4/5ths action; stated if Council decides to waive a fee for planned revenue they have the capacity to do it because they don't need an appropriation with fee waivers so they can do that later; opined that he thought the appropriate time to think about it as a policy is that evening.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky recommended Council make some estimates against how much subsidy they would like to provide to the event/activity; stated the important analysis is to look at each of the events to determine if they warrant the waiver.

Councilmember Waller commented that he understood how the City came up with the number but it looks too high.

City Manager Witzansky stated that Council needs to think about it from an impact standpoint; explained that a planned, weekly event, such as a farmers' market that has the support of the community, is different than the impact on a community from a one-off special occurrence, such as the Super Bowl 10K.

Councilmember Waller asked if Council could get the estimated fee for the various items on BRR #8.

City Manager Witzansky stated he could get the estimates of those items or the anticipated fees associated with the City's known events; noted that staff could create a BRR 8B and the original BRR #8 will be BRR 8A; reported that 8B would endeavor to provide an estimated fee for the City's known events that have street usage or utilization;

suggested the NRB Farmers Market be memorialized through a formal license going forward since it has shown great success; recommended that Council engage in a Street License Agreement that memorializes the event and no longer treat it as a Special Event, but as a program in the community and it would avoid that particular line item.

Councilmember Castle stated they might want to do it for all the other farmers' markets in the City.

City Manager Witzansky stated not for the City's own farmers' market but for the NRB Farmers Market and the Village.

Councilmember Behrendt noted that the City is in a serious situation with the budget and as much as he loves the City's events and would love to cut a check for all the events, but he is reluctant to do that because the City does not have the money this year; reported speaking to staff about the impacts the events have on staff and on the neighborhoods; spoke favorably about the events and the organizers but noted that the City isn't in the situation to subsidize every event, especially not to the maximum; commented on the increase in rates to participants and vendors being minimal and questioned how many events the City could have; supported striking a balance between the exclusive use revenue and subsidy amounts; suggested they review on a case by case basis charity events but supported including the revenue for the City.

Mayor Light commented that he did not want to turn into a community that could only support the larger events, such as Nike, and not continue the local events due to the fees they charge; suggested they pick which Signature Events they want to fund; referenced BRR #9 and stated he would like to see each budget for Seaside Lagoon, RBPAC, and for the Harbor Tidelands and Uplands versus a BRR; said the BRR only has the revenue side and would prefer to see the cost side as well; noted that it is tough for them to reconcile it with the current process.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the BRRs for the cost centers that are of interest to the Council are meant to show expenditures against revenues; stated that staff could update the BRR associated with each cost center, such as the RBPAC, to show the cost.

Mayor Light commented that he didn't necessarily need it for this year but wanted it for future budgets.

City Manager Witzansky explained why the Mayor's request would be difficult by stating the financials make a lot of assumptions and they don't provide an opportunity to really provide explanation; used the Harbor Uplands and Tidelands BRR as an example to look at.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky reported that staff decided the mini financials were too abbreviated to be helpful.

Mayor Light stated what he doesn't want is for the Council to forget they asked for the BRR.

More discussion followed regarding recurring BRRs.

Mayor Light referenced BRR #26; commented that he thought Ron Maroko and other residents were willing to do the cost side of things except the application fee; noted the CEQA should just be for Wilderness Park and they can say they will not affect the concrete pads.

City Manager Witzansky recapped BRR #26 is regarding the process, cost, impact, and benefit of obtaining state or federal historic status for Wilderness Park; asked Community Development Director Marc Wiener to speak on it.

Community Development Director Wiener explained that the application would not have much cost associated with it but they would probably need a few thousand dollars to hire a consultant to assist them with the application; noted that the state may also accept staff preparing the write up; stated that the long term implications would be that any future modifications to the park would need to go through a legal historic review process.

Mayor Light commented that they have made a historic landmark, but it has not prevented the City from doing anything at the location.

Discussion followed regarding the types of modifications that might be made in the future.

City Manager Witzansky asked the Mayor what his goal was for Wilderness Park.

Mayor Light responded just to have it noted as a historic place in the City; noted that the concrete pads are the only undisturbed historic uses, everything else is gone, but it was turned over to the City that way and he doesn't see the City modifying the concrete pads in the future; stated, if they do want to modify them, they should go through the historic analysis.

Councilmember Castle asked staff if what Director Wiener was saying is that all the existing buildings and infrastructure in the park would be deemed historic so that any changes would need to go through the historic review process.

Community Development Director Wiener responded not necessarily and it is in the report provided; explained the nomination process, opined that the City would probably not be limited to making future alterations to the park, but if the City should decide to build a new structure on the park or a significant modification it would have to go through the historic review process.

Mayor Light suggested it be put on as a Consent Calendar Item for the Commission.

Community Development Director Wiener stated a primary benefit is it would be on the State Register if the State decides to accept the nomination and approve it. More discussion followed.

Councilmember Behrendt agreed with the Mayor and asked how else they could recognize Wilderness Park short of putting it on the California Register; asked if it includes the entire park or just the concrete pads; explained why he is asking the question and asked if staff could clarify if changes could be made if the park is put on the California Register of Historic Resources.

Community Development Director Wiener stated if the park is on the State Register it will be subject to CEQA and could affect a future project; stated that an alternative to nominating it for the State Register would be to landmark Wilderness Park locally which would still make them eligible for the Mills Act, a plaque can be created, and it would get the recognition; noted the benefits of locally landmarking would be the City has additional controls over the future status of the park and it would not necessarily be subject to CEQA for future projects.

Councilmember Waller referenced DP #2 regarding parking meters; reported that the DP reports the revenue will raise by \$340,000 per year but when he looked at page 105 of the budget the projected does not match.

City Manager Witzansky explained that what he looked at was core revenues and expenses before Decision Package since it doesn't assume Council approval; provided more explanation.

Councilmember Waller asked if all the parking revenue was generated from the \$0.25 increase.

City Manager Witzansky responded that it comes from permits as well.

Councilmember Castle asked for more clarification regarding the reorganization with the W.E.D. Department and the Community Development Department as well as the BRR for the Senior Analyst to support the group.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the Economic Development component of the Waterfront Department is proposed for transfer to the Community Development team and Director Wiener; noted that staff from the City Manager's office may also lend support to the Economic Development functions; stated that the goal is to alleviate the Waterfront to allow them to focus on Waterfront properties and operations; stressed that the Waterfront Department will remain and be improved through the reorganization; stated that the Senior Management Analyst being proposed should help with special event coordination, which has historically been the strain between the two departments.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced DP #13 regarding the scheduled vehicle replacement; requested that past year expenditures in vehicle replacement would be

helpful and give Council a good purview.

City Manager Witzansky said he would make sure the BRR has some historic expense; stated that he and Public Works Director Winje have discussed a doing broad programmatic review of the City's vehicle replacement cycling by unit and type; noted that the schedule has not been evaluated holistically for many years and staff will bring it back as a policy decision to the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced DP #4 regarding increases for covering affordable housing, applications, and income certification fees; asked if the increases are HUD approved.

Community Services Director Hause stated she wanted to make it clear that the increases are only related to affordable housing fees and work that staff has undertaken or a consultant has taken on behalf of staff; stressed that it is completely separate from Section 8 and completely separate from the City's voucher program; stated they are just bringing the fees up to market rate.

Discussion followed that it is to effectively to charge developers and applicants of the projects since they have not assessed the fees in a long time.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked how it would be applied to existing affordable units in the City.

Community Services Director Hause responded that existing units require ongoing monitoring, currently the City is just paying for it because they are not recouping enough of the cost, so they will apply it to the consultant that they pay to do the monitoring and staff's time for other administrative duties related to affordable housing.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated her purpose for mentioning it is because there is opportunity to increase some of the historic affordable housing stock for rent; suggested collaborating with the COG to inventory the units using Measure A LACAHSAs funds.

Discussion followed regarding the tracking of affordable housing rentals.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if there was admin attached to the Foster Youth Vouchers.

Community Services Director Hause replied yes.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if the \$2 increase for the part-time RBPAC salary is enough.

Community Services Director Hause said it brings them to market rate and is good for

what is needed.

Mayor Light asked if the City has a sinking fund for their buildings and facilities for maintenance and investment.

City Manager Witzansky replied that the City has a Major Facilities Repair Fund in their ISF formula; noted that it is inadequate to cover all the City's deferred maintenance costs; explained that is one of the reasons staff have been exploring an asset management system, so they can better identify the long-term deferred maintenance costs.

Mayor Light recalled that the allocation for the Social Media position was for the Police Department but last year they discussed that the person would be available to the whole City; commented that he has seen the focus still on the Police Department and everything else as secondary; stated that all communications should be consolidated to make it more balanced.

City Manager Witzansky reported that his office has been reviewing the social media presentation and materials and Jane Chung has been in contact with their social media content creator to figure out how to balance her time.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the City will not advertise events that are not City generated or City programmed and they do not advertise partnership events with not-for-profit organizations or others that lease space from the City and it will not be on the City Calendar on the website.

More discussion followed regarding what should be posted, the issues and confusion with posting on various social media channels, and circumstances with moving budget over to social media.

City Manager Witzansky, in response to Mayor Light's comment about integrating content creation, stated integration has to happen through the Communications Team and a more concerted effort is needed by all the department representatives and he will address it since it is a staff issue; asked the Mayor to review the email he sent regarding content creation and then provide his feedback.

Mayor Light asked about moving the budget of the social media creator again to spread the content to other departments besides PD.

City Manager Witzansky said that if Council would like to see less than 50% of the content of the position dedicated to policing, and more broadly allocated, they can give him a budget direction to do so.

Mayor Light commented that other cities have a Communications Budget for all their social media and creative content, whereas Redondo Beach is fragmented and there is

a lack of integration.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky asked to see specific examples so he could look into integrating all the departments.

Mayor Light asked Director Hause about a graphic designer in her department but noted he didn't see a budget for graphic design.

Community Services Director Hause reported that her department has over 200 part-timers and they have evolved, two of them to be more graphic design oriented but they fall under the Department's part-time positions.

Councilmember Kaluderovic brought up that the teens at the Teen Center also post weekly updates and that it is not on the City page as another example of departments creating their own content.

More discussion followed.

Councilmember Behrendt stated that he knows staff is working on options to figure out a centralized location on the City website; suggested they leave it up to staff to capture the input from that evening's discussion; commented that he noticed a lot of non-PD information provided by the Social Media Coordinator and listed a number of events; noted that there is a single resource and they did receive an email that laid out statistics which were helpful; asked if staff could figure out the best way to make it all available in one location.

City Manager Witzansky stated if centralized coordination and events is important to Council then staff will make it a priority to find a way to resolve and he didn't think budget action was needed for it.

Mayor Light recalled that last year they spoke about budget related to training for program management and contract management along with best practices in doing it effectively; stated that is has been removed from the current training and it is not on the budget.

City Manager Witzansky reported that they are building it into their natural follow up process and their next goal is to tackle the RFB (Request for Bid) template; provided details on what the staff has been doing to achieve their goals; reported that they don't have a dedicated one-time appropriation for it so they are doing it with in-house resources and seeking some supplemental assistance where available.

Mayor Light voiced concern that the City is lacking in discipline in both acquisition contracts management and project management due to never being trained on how to do it; stated that he has seen instances where something should have been caught, things that can't be fixed due to the contract not being written correctly, or where RFP's weren't

written right for the deliverables, and that projects are continually over budget but not publicly traceable; said more discipline is needed in the CIP and the lack of discipline, visibility, and transparency is leading to distrust and lack of confidence; voiced more concern that internal resources can't be relied on and that there isn't budget allocated to it which will impact future budgets until they get the discipline and best practices in place they will continue to make errors.

City Manager Witzansky noted that the CIP is a budget document and not a real time project management tracking document; stated that staff will try to ensure that the 10-15 projects they anticipate executing in the next fiscal year have specific dates.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Light stated that there is no real tracking when project costs go up and no way to see the change order.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the Mayor and Council get the full reconciliation when they approve and accept the project as complete and they get tracking in the Administrative Reports.

Mayor Light stated they should get proactive understanding when a project is in trouble and they need more visibility for the public and Council on the projects.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to take a six-minute break at 8:54 p.m.

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

### **RECONVENE FROM BREAK – 9:07 P.M.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Obagi

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Joy Ford, City Attorney  
Derek Kalish, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Light continued back to L.2 and invited public comment.

Don Ford, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the long-standing partnership they have had with the City in regard to the Super Bowl 10K; stated they have made efforts to reduce expenses where they

could, had a successful event that year with 5,800 runners, and they were able to make money to support the functions of their Chamber; explained that the Chamber relies on the Superbowl 10K to fund their scholarship programs, outreach, and networking; stated the problem they are having is the cost of everything is going up but the revenue they generate does not; noted that if the City charges for street use it will cost them about \$24,000 more to run the event; asked the Council to consider giving them a waiver for the event, suggested carving out an exception for non-profits, and requested a better subsidy in order to continue the event.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked Don Ford if the Chamber raised the price for the event last year.

Don Ford replied that they raise the price two years ago (2025) and lost several hundred runners as a result but increased the number of runners this year.

Lina Carrillo, President of the Professional Supervisory Association (PSA), stated she was there to speak on the Proposed 26-27 Budget and BRR #11 under AB2561; explained that the PSA group is comprised of mid-level managers, supervisors, and professional staff such as engineers, planners, and analysts; reported that, out of the eight groups listed in BRR #11, RBPSA has the highest vacancy percentage at 14.4; commented that PSA is the only employee group the City has made no progress improving and that the City has difficulty recruiting and retaining the professional level employees; stated with DP #32 remaining RBPSA employees will most likely have to take on additional work to make up for extended vacancies; stated that PSA salary ranges are below market, they received the lowest salary increase of the four bargaining units in the last round of MOU negotiations three years ago, and four sets of employee MOU's expire in December but the proposed budget makes no mention of upcoming negotiations; stated that employees are concerned about the City negotiating in good faith when the one document that is meant to address all priorities for the upcoming year makes zero mention of required employee contract negotiations; hoped that the City is appropriately planning for any potential salary adjustments and have recommended that the City have its consultant update the compensation study from three years ago; reported that PSA is prepared to begin negotiations as soon as next month to give everyone adequate time for discussions before the end of December; reported that page 37 of the Proposed Budget states that the Mayor and Council believe that the employees are the City's most valuable asset.

Mayor Light asked the City Manager if the budget accounts for anticipated pay increases this year.

City Manager Witzansky responded that the budget included contractual and scheduled increases but not negotiations.

Mickey Johnson, President of the NRBBA, stated that North Redondo has untapped potential but investment and more partnership is missing; reported that NRBBA has formed a dedicated economic development task force staffed by their members with a

lot of expertise in commercial real estate and economic development and they want to become a resource for the Council and staff for economic revitalization in North Redondo; stated that immediate work could be done on aesthetic improvement and business owners have indicated that they want to paint murals, refresh facades, and invest in their storefronts; noted that the Storefront Improvement Program Funding has not been touched since 2017 and opined that it is time to bring that program back; reported that the \$60,000 program is only 0.05% of the entire \$130 million General Fund; stated that NRBBA is ready and organized and asked that when they build the budget they consider North Redondo as an opportunity; stated that she supports the views of the Mayor regarding social media and it must be centralized but they need to leave the Police Department alone since they have over 30,000 followers and do a great job.

Mara Santos stated she came there to ask for their consideration to increase the fee waiver for the Super Bowl 10K; noted that the safety measures have doubled the cost of the event and they are concerned with the new proposed Usage of Street Fees; thanked the Mayor for opening up the conversation and thanked Councilmember Behrendt for his support as well; voiced concern that they may not be able to continue they event; suggested that they grandfather an exemption for all of the local non-profits that really support the community.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor boater and member of the Chamber Board of Directors, asked to submit materials relative to the budget that evening.

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

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

Mark Hansen noted that he participates in various organizations for the City and that in the past the City has tried to raise fees but have given waivers to match what they are paying so they could continue the good things the organizations do for the City; listed out various contributions the Chamber of Commerce provides to the City; referenced DP #30 regarding the reorganization of the Waterfront Director and creating the new position of Waterfront Properties and Community Services Director position and voiced concern that after talking to Community Services Director Hause, the City Manager, and Councilmember Castle he is still confused about the intent; stated he would defer to the Mayor since the Mayor is always looking out for the Harbor.

Mark Nelson (via Zoom) commented that in the spirit of help the City needs to measure to improve and they came in 100% late on their time budget for their break; stated that he is going to briefly describe the two BRR mockups he sent in which are for the 500-600 Prospect and Paulina: 1) is the safety and sound wall, and 2) is the is three sinusoidal speed tables on Big Prospect; asked that they do the Obagi-esk move and put them in a \$0 so that they get carried in the budget and also so they have the opportunity to by having them in the budget to seek grants or get BCHD or Sunrise to

provide funding as part of their development; reported that he is transitioning out of the advocacy role and moving over to pure testimony and expert witness; stated he is putting together a QALY and the VSL's so that he can monetize with great specificity the damages from the noise and the emissions and other impacts of the roadway along with the lack of having a sound and safety wall and the high speeds; reiterated that he provided mockups in the Blue Folder for the projects; noted that the neighborhood has waited a long time and they are absorbing monetary damages and it is time the get protection from the City.

Darryl Boyd (via Zoom), District 3, addressed Councilmember Kaluderovic, noted she is working on a real estate project with the City of Hawthorne yet the residents of 500 to 600 North Prospect Ave. are still waiting to hear from her regarding the Prospect Ave. median and provide remedy to clear public safety and noise nuisances for that neighborhood; noted that she has chosen to work on special interests but that was not what she was elected for and the residents need her support and acknowledge their BRR for completion of the North Prospect Ave. median in this budget cycle; stressed that she is supposed to represent District 3 which encompasses the Beryl Height community; urged Councilmember Kaluderovic to stop ignoring them and stated that the residents are still wondering what happened to the 30 trees for the North Prospect Ave. Median Project; stated that the 34 was myrtles planted are dying and they need to be replaced and urged her to help them.

City Clerk Manzano reported no more speakers on Zoom and they have two opposed and one neutral eComments.

Mayor Light commented that it is an interesting tactic for the public to berate the Council to get them to allocate money.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if he could address an issue before they conclude; provided a draft proposed budget motion, noted that they did one last year as a point of reference; noted that the City does not have any money to spend; stated that the motion is to receive the input from Councilmember Obagi, approved all the Decision Packages in the Five-Year CIP, and adopt BRR 1 and possibly 1A; stated for the remaining three items, which would be allocated from the Subdivision Trust Funds,: 1) Quimby Funds, 2) Aviation Pickleball automated booking system and nighttime lighting, and 3) the park fencing with the green vinyl coated fencing recommended by Public Works; reported that the last item is \$35,000 (from the Subdivision Trust Fund) for new replacement parts for regional parks with the goal to make it quicker to obtain replacement parts; stated that he would send it to City Clerk Manzano and her staff to circulate; spoke of the "wish list" and understood that it would not be funded this year but wanted to review the list, which included:

- BRR #29 Re-branding of RBPd vehicles with the new logo – not a priority
- BRR #38 RBPAC panel replacement with the new logo - \$1,300 – low amount

Councilmember Behrendt stated they are unfunded wish list items that they thought

would be helpful to circulate.

Mayor Light asked if it could be placed on an Excel spreadsheet for others to add.

City Attorney Ford stated as long as no edits are shared.

Councilmember Behrendt requested a new BRR on behalf of himself and Councilmember Obagi, using supplemental money, to include the new City logo on Artesia landmark signs on the west and east sides of the Blvd.

Discussion followed that landmark signs were already included on BRR #35 for monument signs to be converted using the existing structure.

Councilmember Behrendt requested a BRR for the expansion joint on the pickleball court at Dale Page Park.

City Manager Witzansky stated staff could look into it without additional cost.

Mayor Light requested a BRR for funding maintenance at the new park along Herondo.

City Manager Witzansky confirmed that they will use existing resources to do it.

Mayor Light stated it does not need to be a BRR if they are using existing budget but stressed it cannot go unmaintained until next fiscal year.

Councilmember Castle requested a BRR to hire either an independent financial consultant or auditor to review the City's Waterfront leases on a recovery basis to make sure they are getting all the correct revenue; noted it would be cost neutral to the budget.

City Manager Witzansky stated they will call it Recovery Options Cost.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to continue the public hearing to June 9, 2026.

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

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

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

**O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - None**

**P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

**P.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION**

**APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LA COUNTY SANITATION MEETING FOR JUNE 3, 2026**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION CC-2606-036, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2027 AND APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LA COUNTY SANITATION MEETING FOR JUNE 3, 2026**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

Mayor Light explained that normal rotation would have Councilmember Obagi as Mayor Pro Tem but he has requested to pass his rotation and based on that the next person would be Councilmember Waller; suggested Councilmember Waller be the nomination as the next Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Castle nominated Councilmember Waller for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Behrendt supported the nomination; noted that there is also a resolution with Councilmember Waller's name on it which also needs to be executed asap for a meeting the following day.

Some discussion followed regarding the reason for the rotation being 1,2,3,5,4. City Clerk Manzano stated it is due to the election.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

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

Mayor Light asked if anyone wanted to be removed as a delegate or alternate; noted that Councilmember Obagi asked to step down from the lead for SB COG and reported that the agenda is not correct; stated that Councilmember Waller should have been listed as the alternate and will become the primary.

Discussion followed that the change should have been in the Blue Folder.

Mayor Light confirmed that Councilmember Waller would be the delegate and Councilmember Obagi would be the alternate.

Councilmember Behrendt reported that after his two years on the Academic Economic

Development Subcommittee he will step down to give others an opportunity to participate.

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the Board and Agency Delegates and Alternates as listed with the change from Chadwick Castle on the SB COG to Brad Waller.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments.

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

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2606-036.

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

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to have the Cultural Arts Commission explore potential marine life mosaics on the break wall cap along Mole D.

Mayor Light asked about the funding for the project; noted that if it is not budgeted it will not happen.

City Manager Witzansky responded that the CAC could scope the project, then they could identify the costs, and bring it back to Council.

More discussion followed.

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

#### **R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Name of case:  
Joseph Rangel v. City of Redondo Beach  
WCAB No: Unassigned**

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

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager  
Katherine Buck, Acting Waterfront & Economic Development Director  
Jon Goetz, Redwood Public Law**

**PROPERTY:**

**123 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
(a portion of APN: 7505-002-908)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Raman Walia, Multiverse Platforms - Level Up Bowl & Bistro**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Lease Status, Price, and Terms**

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

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Katherine Buck, Acting Waterfront & Economic Development Director  
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager  
Jon Goetz, Redwood Public Law**

**PROPERTY:**

**Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot and Seaside Lagoon  
(portions of APN #s: 7503-029-900 and 7503-029-903)**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Price and Terms**

- S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – None**

- T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:48 P.M.**

Motion by Councilmember Castle, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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

The next meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will be an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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