



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
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 Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi,

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

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

There were no public comments on Closed Session items and Non-Agenda items.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:32 p.m.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo listed items to be considered in Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to recess to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude, City Attorney Mike Webb and Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, so ordered.

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:

**I.A., a minor, by and through his guardian ad litem Willnicka Renee Pollard, individually
And as successor-in-interest to Sergio Richard Acosta, Jr., deceased v. City of
Redondo Beach, et al.**

Case Number: 2:20-cv-06447-DDP (JPRx)

F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Deborah Klebe v. J&S Striping Company, Inc.; City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: 21STCV38496

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein,

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Assistant to the City Manager Smude announced that Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park did not join in Closed Session and regarding Item No. F.1., Council voted 4-1 to appeal the denial of a Motion for Summary Judgment and Councilmember Nehrenheim was the only opposing vote.

I. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein adjourned to the regular meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council at 6:00 p.m. without opposition.

6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein,

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein led in the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about attending the Cal Cities conference in Sacramento; announced the District 1 community meeting will be held on October 14, 2023 at Alta Vista Park and addressed upcoming events.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the Cal Cities conference; thanked City staff, the RBPD and RBFD for a successful Beach Life event; spoke about attending the California Land Recycling conference and announced the District 3 community meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Franklyn Park.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about the California Land Recycling conference; announced the Dining Around Artesia event on October 5, 2023 hosted by the North Redondo Beach Business Association; commented on the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein and thanked Councilmembers Kaluderovic and Nehrenheim for attending a recent Hermosa Beach City Council meeting and speaking about the Metro C Line extension project where City Council voted to withdraw their support of the ROW option and discuss the item further in upcoming meetings. Additionally, he spoke about the recent District 4 community meeting.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about the recent District 5 community meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported that he will attend the Dining Around Artesia event and announced the District 2 community meeting will be held on October 18, 2023 on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve the agenda, as modified, moving Item No. N.4. to before Item No. J. on the agenda.

Councilmember Behrendt offered an amendment to move Item No. N.1. to after Item No. P.1. and it was declined by the motion maker and seconder.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi
NOES: Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

F. AGENCY RECESS – 6:15 p.m.

F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

F.2. PARKING AUTHORITY - REGULAR MEETING - CANCELLED

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein,

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Brand

Officials Present:

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager Smude
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo announced Blue Folder Items for Items No. H.13., J.1., N.2. and N.3.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file Blue Folder Items. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2023.

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 29328-29354 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,292.39, PD. 9/29/23
DIRECT DEPOSIT 268893-269446 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,054,093.56, PD. 9/29/23
EFT/ACH \$402,239.47, PD. 9/13/23 (PP2318)
EFT/ACH \$8,191.86, PD. 9/15/23 (PP2319)
EFT/ACH \$404,825.32, PD. 9/15/23 (PP2319)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 110749-110936 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,301,939.61
EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$417,068.27
DIRECT DEPOSIT 100007615-100007709 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,421.17,
PD.9/29/23

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ABIGAIL Y. ALCALA FOR MINUTES PREPARATION SERVICES AT A RATE OF \$85 PER HOUR FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 4, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2024 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.6. This Item was excluded from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Nehrenheim.
- H.7. **APPROVE THE SCHEDULED PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD TRUCK FROM THE NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR USE AS A FRONT-LINE LOGISTICS AND UTILITY VEHICLE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$59,842.81**
- CONTACT:** TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.8. This Item was excluded from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Nehrenheim.
- H.9. **APPROVE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTION OF RINDGE LANE AND GRAHAM AVENUE**
- CONTACT:** TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.10. **APPROVE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERKINS LANE AND RIPLEY AVENUE**
- CONTACT:** TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.11. **ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2310-098, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**
- CONTACT:** CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
- H.12. **APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT #23-24/4-A-C WITH THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$147,813 FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (\$58,000), DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY (\$39,813), AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES (\$50,000) FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**
- CONTACT:** PATRICK BUTLER, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF
- H.13. **ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3263-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 10-2.1602 PERTAINING TO SERVICE STATIONS AND DETERMINING SUCH AMENDMENTS AS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**
- CONTACT:** LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
- H.14. **APPROVE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM, FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,210 FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**
- ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2310-100, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$61,210 IN STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS FUND**
- ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC-2310-101, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**

OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

H.15. This Item was excluded from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Nehrenheim.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Nehrenheim pulled Items No. H.6. and H.15. from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration and regarding Item No. H.13., thanked Mike Grady for his letter.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein pulled Item No. H.8. from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented except for H.6., H.8. and H.15., which were pulled for separate consideration. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Resolutions No. CC-2310-098, CC-2310-100 and CC-2310-101 and Ordinance No. 3263-23.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the status of an attendance list for all Commissions and Committees and City Clerk Manzano responded it will be ready by the end of November and noted if the City is to have a policy for excused absences, it should be consistent. He added his support for approval of the absences for all except Mr. Aziz, who requested the excused absence, after the fact.

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding the City rules relative to absences, whether excused absences must be requested prior to the meeting and the need to look into clearly addressing the issue.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the excused absences from various Commission and Committee meetings except for Mr. Aziz.

Motion failed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Obagi, Nehrenheim
NOES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve H.6. in its entirety.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: Nehrenheim
ABSENT: None

H.8. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO FUNDING AGREEMENT #MOU.MR312.38 BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND METRO FOR THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND ANITA STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 41240, TO EXTEND THE LAPSING DATE OF THE PROJECT FUNDS TO JUNE 30, 2024

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Semaan presented details of the project and discussed making modifications without impacting parking.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported receiving complaints from residents regarding the project and expressed concerns the project does not address traffic on northbound Pacific Coast Highway, signal timing or synchronization.

Public Works Director Semaan discussed areas where Cal Trans has jurisdiction and noted the project is grant funded.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve H.8. as presented.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim
NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

H.15. APPROVE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE SOLICITATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FIRMS TO DESIGN A NEW PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH AT MOLE D

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke favorably about the report and the RFP and in reply to his question, WED Director Kapovich addressed the timeline, related environmental studies, impacts to the former Samba's and getting regular updates.

Discussion followed regarding the boat hoist.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve Item No. H.15. as presented.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Discussion followed regarding the boat hoist.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein announced that Item No. N.4. will be heard at this point.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

I.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Lina Carrillo, President, Redondo Beach Professional and Supervisory Union listed documents to receive and file.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file Lina Carrillo's document submission. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Lina Carrillo referenced an article in the newspaper about the comments of a Redondo Beach 911 Dispatcher at the September 5, 2023 meeting about impacts to staff in connection with receiving the lowest wages when compared to surrounding agencies and urged City Council to fix the salary disparity.

Jeff Gaul spoke in support of giving a raise to 911 Dispatch employees; expressed condolences to the families who lost loved ones in the recent accident on Artesia and Rindge; suggested considering egress/ingress from Taco Bell and installing directional signage to better direct traffic coming out of Rindge, across from Artesia; discussed what Manhattan Beach is doing with eBike citations and suggested that Redondo Beach follow suit and addressed the Beach Cities Health District's Youth Diversion Program and hoped that RBPD will make referrals to the program as a formal approach.

Michael Grijalva, Teamsters Representative, shared comments received during a recent membership meeting; spoke about workers going above and beyond their duties to the City to ensure the operation of the City's vital services and spoke about upcoming negotiations and their commitment to find common ground.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmembers Kaluderovic and Nehrenheim for attending the recent Hermosa Beach City Council meeting; reported attending Metro Board meetings and noted she has a lot of helpful information to share.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, spoke about the Metro C Line Extension Project; stated the importance of challenging Metro's thinking in terms of the Hawthorne Boulevard option; commented on commercial interests that the Hawthorne Boulevard option can bring and talked about pushing the idea of a prosperous South Bay opportunity.

Scott Vilhauer, on behalf of the Clerks of the Redondo Beach Public Library, spoke about their work and efforts during the COVID outbreak; discussed increasing challenges; noted they have not had a salary increase in years and urged City Council to support them.

Wayne Craig referenced a news story regarding the Metro C Line Extension Project and the existence of graves along the ROW in Lawndale; spoke about offensive comments during public participation in meetings and voiced support for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Danny Garcia, City Parks Division and Public Works, spoke about the need to pay fair wages to City staff, about their commitment to the City and being understaffed and urged City Council to provide fair compensation to its workers.

Doug Boswell, District 3, spoke about the recent discovery of graves along the ROW and noted that as time goes on, there may be more and more reasons not to build along the ROW.

Gina Flores, Redondo Beach Jail Employee, reported she has not had a raise in ten years and reported employees are leaving to other departments because of the low salaries.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to extend Gina Flores's time by 30 seconds. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Gina Flores continued to address the lack of recognition, longevity pay, or education pay and urged City Council to consider raising their salaries.

Candace Nafissi spoke about the Metro C Line Extension Project; congratulated residents for their efforts in postponing the Metro meeting and noted that Beryl Elementary School is looking for sponsorships from local businesses.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Pro Tem Nehrenheim closed this portion of the meeting.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A FOLLOW UP LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) ADDRESSING THE CITY'S LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE PROPOSED C (GREEN) LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE PROJECT AND DIRECTION ON ANY ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Councilmember Behrendt declared his recusal from this item and left the Council Chambers.

Public Works Director Semaan presented details of the Administrative Report.

Discussion followed regarding edits to the language including, "move the masses" to "move people or persons" and changing "brethren" to "our neighbors in Lawndale".

Councilmember Obagi suggested sending the letter to COG; spoke about the need to be active in advocating the Hawthorne Boulevard option to fellow cities; discussed having time to see the investigation unfold; asked to send the letter to the Metro Project Leader George Sheridan; requested a discussion in the future about sending a separate letter to the Metro Board and suggested adding a statement after the third paragraph on the first page, "Culver City credits its Metro station with attracting housing, a hotel and a grocery store. Those developments would be unattainable for the South Bay along any ROW adjustment."

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested adding language that, "With regard to serving as a central hub, the ability to move people to and from events such as at the SoFi Stadium and other sports and entertainment venues."

Discussion followed regarding sending the letter to individual Councilmembers, sending letter to City Managers, Mayors and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kaluderovic suggested changing language to indicate a 35% increase in ridership with the Hawthorne Boulevard option than any other alignment and the alignment would be on the original line of the

Red Car Line.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmembers Obagi and Kaluderovic for their efforts; reported emailing her notes to Councilmembers; spoke about the new Inglewood Station bringing a boom of travelers to black-owned businesses and suggested adding language to the letter that “The residents are concerned with documented unstable soils within a decades-long history of sinkholes”, subsequently include information about the Ruxton sinkhole and insert the paragraph about the breakwater for better context. She added that residents did not calculate train hours but rather Metro calculated them; indicated the last departing train at midnight would arrive in Torrance after 1:00 a.m. and addressed the number of families living within 350 feet of the ROW.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to extend Nikki Negrete Mitchell’s time by one minute. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell noted there was a major flaw in the EIR with the exclusion of all Redondo Beach properties on the west side of the ROW from Artesia to 190th from sound and vibration studies, they hit further east neighborhoods such as Torrance at 170th but not the ones that would be the most impacted for noise and addressed construction noise and other edits.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, thanked Council for the letter; spoke about the need to present a united front and suggested reaching out to the City of Lawndale.

Holly Osborne, District 5, referenced an L.A. Times article and picture of a specific section of the ROW; read a letter directed to Holly Mitchell about the dangers and costs of building the C Line extension on the ROW; and noted tours did not include the problematic sections of the ROW.

Councilmember Obagi expressed concerns about getting lost in the weeds; felt the purpose of the letter was to highlight the pros of the Hawthorne Boulevard option, not the cons of the ROW option; spoke about finding a positive solution; provided edits to the letter per Nikki Negrete Mitchell’s suggestions and made corrections to the documents.

Doug Boswell suggested mentioning that the property around the sinkhole was fenced off for two and one-half years before it was fixed and spoke about revitalization of Culver City businesses when the station was built.

G.P Suddeth, District 5, spoke about residents’ fears relative to the ROW option; expressed gratitude to City Council, staff and residents for working on the wording of the letters to ensure success and stated it makes him proud to be a resident of Redondo Beach.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to incorporate all the changes discussed and agreed upon; dispatch one letter to each of the COG cities pursuant to the method herein discussed with all Councilmembers and the Mayor signing the letters; send another letter addressed to Georgia Sheridan and re-agendize a discussion of the letter to the Metro Board for December or January, as it suits the City Manager.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Behrendt (Recused)

Councilmember Behrendt returned to the Chambers and took his place on the dais.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING - AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2310-099, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A CC-2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$431,183 IN STPL UNALLOCATED FUND BALANCE TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING – AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41160

APPROVE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL STPL FUNDS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING - AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41160

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Semaan introduced the item and deferred to City Engineer Winje for a report.

City Engineer Winje narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report; addressed the project, funding sources, recommended appropriations, the project timeline and recommendations.

Councilmember Behrendt confirmed the project will not impact parking on Manhattan Beach Boulevard; referenced the traffic study; felt it is outdated and suggested approving the first two items and postponing the third to direct staff to return with more information, specifically in terms of having AGA Engineers provide the cost of doing another traffic study.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of corroborating with Manhattan Beach on the installation of bike lanes west of Aviation Boulevard, improvements at Gibson and McVane, collection of data for the original traffic study, levels of service, using 2017 data plus an escalator for the traffic study and the lack of degradation to the number of lanes.

City Engineer Winje stated he has confidence in using the existing traffic study in considering this item.

Councilmember Behrendt noted his concerns were addressed and supported the item.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving one neutral, eComment regarding this item.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING - AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS; ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2310-099, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A CC-2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$431,183 IN STPL UNALLOCATED FUND BALANCE TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING – AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41160 and APPROVE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL STPL FUNDS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH

BOULEVARD RESURFACING - AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41160.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-2310-099.

N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE TRANSIT OPERATIONS ANALYSIS REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF THE BEACH CITIES TRANSIT FLEET TO ZERO EMISSION BUSES

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Transit Manager Joyce Rooney introduced Consultants Amanda McDaniel, Will Todd and Analy Castillo, Stantec, and narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the results of the Transit Operations Analysis regarding the conversion of the Beach Cities Transit Fleet to zero emission buses.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of having a safe, City parking lot for Public Works vehicles, availability of hydrogen vehicles, charging time for electric buses and negotiations with SCE.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving one eComment on support of this item.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to adopt the recommendations of the of the Transit Operation Analysis regarding the conversion of the Beach Cities Transit Fleet to zero emission buses and refer the matter to the Public Works and Sustainability Commission.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE USE OF ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION FEATURES THAT ALLOW FOR REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant to the City Manager Smude presented details of the Administrative Report.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about a trend in hate speech online and telephonically; commended Hermosa Beach Mayor Jackson for how he addressed the problem and spoke in favor of maintaining the online and telephonic participation in City Council meetings.

Councilmember Kaluderovic commented on how this issue was raised and felt that having anonymous callers is neither helpful nor useful.

Councilmember Obagi thanked the City Manager for being responsive to what is happening in the State and

other cities and stated he is inclined to end online and telephonic participation for a period of twelve weeks.

Councilmember Behrendt opposed the suspension of online and telephonic public participation as it is a huge part of public participation in Redondo Beach.

City Attorney Webb noted his concern is liability to the City; spoke about disruptions and hateful speech; suggested stating that it be suspended, except as required in the Brown Act and spoke about prohibiting speech based on content and First Amendment protections.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein spoke about hateful speech occurring for years; noted that although it may be offensive, it does not mean it should not be heard; distinguished disrupting a meeting from using offensive language and stated he is reluctant to vote in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Nancy Skiba, via Zoom, stated getting the City to shut down the way it has been operating is mostly likely, a goal of the troll groups; noted many people rely on remote participation and hoped the City will not curtail its residents' free speech to satisfy the thugs.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, referenced the 30-minute rule for public comments in Redondo Beach and wondered if City Council would consider extending it to allow for people with serious City business to get their comments in.

Wayne Craig spoke in support of continuing to allow remote public participation in City Council meetings; discussed SB 11 and opposed the suspension of online and telephonic public participation in meetings.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Kaluderovic, to suspend online and telephonic public participation for City Council meetings for a period of twelve weeks, except as required by the Brown Act.

Motion failed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Obagi, Kaluderovic
NOES: Behrendt, Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

City Council returned to Item No. J. on the agenda and followed the rest of the agenda, as published.

N.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL OF AN ELEVENTH EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY RECEIVE AND FILE THE ELEVENTH EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

CONTACT: SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Acting Community Development Director Scully presented details of the Administrative Report.

Discussion followed regarding completion of project plans and scheduling a pre-application meeting.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve the ELEVENTH EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY RECEIVE AND FILE THE ELEVENTH EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - None

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, ELECTED CITY CLERK

Mayor Pro Tem Nehrenheim noted Mayor Brand nominated two individuals, Rob Coda and James Corbin, both from District 2 to the Historical Commission.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the Mayor's appointments of Rob Coda and James Corbin to the Historical Commission. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to add a discussion about potentially reducing the fees associated with development in the ACCAP or providing any sort of economic incentives to provide for new development along the Artesia Corridor. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - None

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:

**I.A., a minor, by and through his guardian ad litem Willnicka Renee Pollard, individually
And as successor-in-interest to Sergio Richard Acosta, Jr., deceased v. City of
Redondo Beach, et al.**

Case Number: 2:20-cv-06447-DDP (JPRx)

R.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Deborah Klebe v. J&S Striping Company, Inc.; City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: 21STCV38496

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT: 9:49 p.m.

T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY BOYD, DRAMA TEACHER AT THE FORMER AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to adjourn the meeting in Memory of Larry Boyd, Drama Teacher at the Former Aviation High School, at 9:49 p.m., to 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. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk