



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

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

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

Analyst Villa reported no eComments and one attendee on Zoom, but no hand raised.

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).

JAMS Arbitration Case Reference No. 5220006179 [Hon. Candace Cooper [Ret.]] Harry Stuver, et. al v. Redondo Beach Police Department and City of Redondo Beach

F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL

**LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).
Two potential cases**

F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of Case:

**Gornbein, Jennifer vs. City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive
Case Number: 24TRCV03931**

Analyst Villa read titles to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Joy Ford, Outside Legal Counsel Joshua Dale, Outside Legal Counsel Jonathan Kramer, Public Works Director Andy Winje, City Engineer Lauren Sablan, and Outside Legal Counsel W. Lee Smith.

Mayor Light announced they would be going into Closed Session and at 5:30 p.m., City Council will break for a ceremony on the Pride flag to be held outside in front of the City Hall Chambers and then will come back into the Chambers for the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to recess to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

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

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

H. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky reported no formal announcements from Closed Session other

than, he previously stated Outside Legal Counsel, W. Lee Smith, would be joining the meeting and he did not make it but they were joined by Jesse Reyes, Capital Project Manager for the Public Works Department.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING – 6:01 p.m.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

6:00 PM – OPEN SESSION – REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

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B. ROLL CALL

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

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

Harper, 5th Grader at Jefferson Elementary School, led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silent invocation and to honor a fallen officer from Baldwin Park, Officer Samuel Riveros.

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

D.1. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF JUNE 2025 AS PRIDE MONTH IN REDONDO BEACH

Mayor Light invited Sarah Betty Leinen and Frank Hanzel to the podium; reported tonight

they planned to raise the Pride flag in honor of the beginning of Pride Month, however, that past Saturday a Baldwin Park police officer, Officer Riveros, was tragically killed in the line of duty; stated out of respect for Officer Riveros and all fallen officers, the City chose to only fly the US flag at half-staff until the officer is laid to rest; announced that, to continue honoring Pride Month, the City arranged a modified display in the Council Chambers lobby and, once it is appropriate, will raise the Pride flag beneath the United States flag at City Hall and thanked everyone for their understanding and support; announced, as Mayor of Redondo Beach, he was honored to stand with them that night to proclaim June 2025 as Pride Month in Redondo Beach; introduced Sarah Betty Leinen, President of South Bay LGBTQ+, and Frank Hanzel, President of PFlag Manhattan Beach, who joined him at the podium; spoke about the history and background of Pride Month and how Redondo Beach embraces everyone; stated it is a privilege to present the Certificate of Proclamation to South Bay LGBTQ+ and PFlag Manhattan Beach South Bay groups.

Sarah Betty Leinen, resident of Redondo Beach and President of the South Bay LGBTQ Center, spoke about the Proclamation being more than symbolic; stated it is a public commitment to inclusion, safety, and visibility; spoke on the current attacks the LGBTQIA has been facing and how proclamations, such as the one received tonight, sends a powerful message.

Frank Hanzel thanked the City for all their support and hoped for a future where every person is safe, celebrated, and loved.

Mayor Light moved on to announcements and AB 1234 Travel Expense Reports; reported attending fellow Councilmembers' Medal of Valor luncheon to honor several of the City's First Responders; stated Captain Sprengel mc'd the event and listed out all the officers who received awards; noted the City was only second to Hawthorne, who had seven officers recognized, and felt that was a testament to the quality and dedication of the City's First Responders; announced he gave a mini State of the City to several Redondo Union High School students, attended the Memorial Day Celebration in Redondo, worked with South Bay Parkland Conservancy last week on the Bluff Garden cleanup and will be holding meetings on the upcoming FIFA and Olympic events and how Redondo can monetize the opportunity.

Councilmember Waller reported attending the events Mayor Light mentioned, as well as, Coffee with a Cop the week before, the RBUSD retirement event where a number of retirees were honored, the Students of the Year Luncheon, the BCHD student-led Wellness and Leadership Conference, a weekend bicycle block party at Upway on Artesia Blvd. and lastly, went to a ribbon-cutting event at the Art Department on 182nd; showed a certificate that the Mayor and City Council were given by the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and South Bay Forward for attending the event; announced Keep the Esplanade Beautiful will have their monthly sweep Saturday morning on Avenue I between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., the Riviera Village Summer Festival is coming up on June 27th through the 29th.

Councilmember Castle stated, in addition to the Medal of Valor Luncheon and the Memorial Day Celebration at Veteran's Park last week, he held a joint District 2 and District 3 Community Meeting with Councilmember Kaluderovic; stated to the public that it is a good idea, if you can't make your own district meeting, to attend other district's meetings to hear what's going on in the City; announced on the 14th, the Library is kicking off its summer reading program for students and the City is also celebrating Juneteenth on that Saturday afternoon; noted that the Main Library will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary of the Main Branch Library on that Saturday as well.

Councilmember Kaluderovic thanked the Mayor and new Councilmembers for covering everything on her list; gave a shout out to the Fire Department for attending Washington Elementary's Family Night.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Councilmember Waller for attending the South Bay COG and the Upway Bicycle Block Party in his place; stated he was able to attend the Upway event and let everyone know they refurbish used e-Bikes and sell them with a warranty; thanked the City Manager for allowing Councilmember Behrendt to meet with all the department heads in the City; stated he has heard other cities do not allow that without the city manager present or with city manager permission; commended the City Manager's "open door" policy; thanked the Directors and Councilmember Behrendt for initiating all the meetings; announced his Community Meeting will be on Thursday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Perry Park Senior Center.

Councilmember Behrendt wanted to recognize the Spring 2025, Region 17, AYSO 12 and under girls' soccer team, Purple Potatoes; announced they won it all; gave a shout out to Councilmember Kaluderovic for being one of the coaches and to her daughter, Mary, for her breakout game.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

F. AGENCY RECESS

F.1. COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY - REGULAR MEETING - CANCELLED CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

City Clerk Manzano reported Blue Folder Items for Items No. H.7, L.1, Prop 218 Requirements, L.3, and N.2.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2025

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:
A. APRIL 29, 2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
B. MAY 13, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING
C. MAY 20, 2025 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS
CHECKS 30234-30250 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,209.47, PD. 5/23/25
DIRECT DEPOSIT 295250-295883 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,474,107.64, PD. 5/23/25

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS
CHECKS 119695-119863 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,317,743.81
EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$485,155.44
DIRECT DEPOSIT 100009441-100009531 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,335.59, PD.5/30/25

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

- 1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFETYCENTRIC, INC. FOR ON CALL IT INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000 AND THE TERM JUNE 4, 2025 TO JUNE 3, 2027**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- 2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EASY READER, INC. FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$10.00 PER COLUMN INCH (ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2025-26 IS \$34,500) AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- H.7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL TO PROVIDE SEWER LINE ROOT FOAMING SERVICES FOR AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$316,000, AND A TOTAL THREE-YEAR NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$948,000, FOR THE TERM JULY 19, 2025 THROUGH JULY 18, 2028**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.8. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH OM ROOFING, INC. TO REPLACE THE ROOF AT THE VETERANS PARK HISTORIC LIBRARY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$216,807**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.9. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-031, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT TO SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,151,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KINGSDALE AVENUE RESURFACING (BETWEEN GRANT AVENUE AND 182ND STREET) PROJECT, JOB NO. 40880**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.10. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITIES OF HERMOSA BEACH, MANHATTAN BEACH, TORRANCE, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL NPDES STORMWATER PERMIT OBLIGATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.11. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL FIELD EXPLORATION, DATA ANALYSIS, REPORTING, AND DOCUMENT PREPARATION SERVICES FOR DOMINGUEZ PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,950, AND A NEW NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL OF \$240,050**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.12. APPROVE AN ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MNS ENGINEERS, INC. TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 AND THE TERM MARCH 11, 2025 TO OCTOBER 19, 2025**

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.13. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO UTILIZE THE JERRY CROWE REGIONAL TACTICAL TRAINING FACILITY FOR THE TERM JUNE 3, 2025 TO JUNE 3, 2028**

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

- H.14. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ SYSTEMS INC. TO IMPLEMENT AN ENGINEERING MODULE TO PRODUCE AND ISSUE ENCROACHMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMITS, INCREASING THE ANNUAL COST BY \$10,000 FOR A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$75,000**

CONTACT: MARC WIENER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.15. APPROVE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT HALF, INC. FOR TEMPORARY STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 AND THE EXISTING TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR & ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- H.16. FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY PC**

CONTACT: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY

- H.17. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION REPORT FOR SETTLEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000**

CONTACT: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY

H.18. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KARPEL COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC. DOING BUSINESS AS KARPEL SOLUTIONS FOR THE ADDITION OF A LICENSE FOR PROSECUTOR BY KARPEL FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$5150.00

CONTACT: JOY A. FORD, CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Mark Nelson wanted to speak on item H.7; spoke about being a chemical engineer and making toilet paper and understanding why the City has filmed how the toilet paper is killing the roots in the sewers; noted they created that type of toilet paper (14 generation toilet paper) but that was what the consumer wanted; mentioned that the foaming itself causes problems and encouraged the City to ask their vendor to use less toxic foam; stated that people at home tend to flush copper sulfate down or something else and that puts lots of toxics in the ground; stated he does not object to the contract, he would just like them to use a practice that would be environmentally friendly.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no e-Comments.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read title to Item No. H.9, adopt by title only, Resolution No. CC-2506-031.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

K. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Shields II, on item H.7, read from an email he recently sent to the Council to put into public record; proposed the establishment of an Office of Film Commissioner for Redondo Beach and offered his candidacy for the position; spoke of what Redondo Beach offers that countless production companies seek; mentioned that Manhattan and Hermosa Beach capitalize on the lucrative film industry while Redondo does not; noted without a dedicated film commissioner, Redondo Beach lacks a streamlined permitting process that encourages production companies, proactive outreach to studios and production companies, a unified vision and a single point of contact to ensure compliance with local regulations; stated this vacancy costs the City missed opportunities and local business stimulus and listed several advantages to creating the position; stated, as a long-time resident with deep connections to both the community and the film industry, he would bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the office; spoke of the Office of Film Commissioner being structured to generate more revenue than it costs through

competitive permitting fees, public/private partnerships with industry stakeholders, and creation of the film friendly infrastructure needed; urged the City Council to establish the Office of Film Commissioner immediately and to consider his appointment to the position.

Jim Mueller stated he is curious about the City's new Economic Development Committee; asked who is on it, what do they plan to do, and will there be progress reports; heard the Committee has taken investors on tours of locations in North Redondo and would like to know more about the tours and their results; stated he is curious if the committee will be making a wide scope needs assessment of the community surrounding Artesia Blvd; said people tell him if they want to do serious shopping or hang out they got to Manhattan Beach, Manhattan Village, Del Amo, or Hermosa; felt that a general survey should be done as to why people don't shop at Artesia or what people would like to see available there; opined that City government is only focused on the AACAP and should focus on what the community wants.

David Rosenfeld, born and raised in Redondo Beach, wanted to speak about the City's draft retail cannabis ordinance; stated, as a representative for one of the applicants, he wanted to strongly encourage the City Council to continue all of the good work they have done; noted that, although there has been a lot of opposition, there are many more residents who are looking forward to having access to a retail dispensary that is close to home; reported that many supporters, including himself, voted against Measure E in 2022 but only because it was promoted by an outsider; mentioned supporters have circulated a petition to urge the City Council to move forward with its retail cannabis request for proposals; noted they have 182 signatures on the petition and read the petition to the Council along with the reasons for the petition; urged Council to at least bring the matter up for a vote, felt they owe it to the residents and to the last Council; asked to submit the petition for the record.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to receive and file the petition.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light asked City Manager Witzansky if the item would be coming back.

City Manager Witzansky replied, yes, that it would be in July and it would be a discussion about the authorization to release the RFP.

Rick McQuillin wanted to provide an update on his South Bay streets project, which he will refer to as "Streets"; mentioned he spoke to the Cultural Arts Commission and shared a quote by Gustave Flaubert, who said, "Be regular and ordinary in your life so that you can be violent and original in your work."; reported he published a new version of the app on Sunday, mentioned it is a draft but has parts that are useful, including some maps and explained some other features that are working; felt that the value of the storefront directories will be revealed as they build them and begin to use them for tourist strolls, events, commute stops, etc.; stated that the directories are just the portal to what he calls

“Community Software”; spoke about making it a community owned app but not for nonprofit since there is potential that other communities might be interested in it; announced he is having a kickoff meeting with the RUHS students, who are volunteering, on Thursday at the Chamber at 4 p.m.; noted Mara Santos and the NRBBA are supporting and sponsoring the volunteer ships; stated he will hold more meetings to introduce this to the adult community and that the Cultural Arts Commission requested a map of the public art in the City; asked anyone interested for more information or to provide support to reach out to him and the site is seeartesia.com or southbayartesia.com.

Mark Nelson stated that Beach Cities private/public partnership partner pulled the plug; noted they were the ones that were going to do the assisted living; reported they were not the ones that spent \$14 million of taxpayer money to do the predevelopment; reported that Beach Cities contracted another third party to take a look at just doing an ordinary senior housing development with no public input at all; stated that Beach Cities “sprung it” on the community and basically said the City can do nothing about it because they have enough affordable housing to get out of the regulations and local permitting; reported that now, Beach Cities is having an all-comers RFP for people to bid and build anything health related on the site; felt that the City needs to take an active role in managing Beach Cities because, even though they are a district, they are using taxpayers money to fund their projects; mentioned a good program to provide insight into special districts would be John Oliver on HBO; urged the City to get involved before BCHD does any more projects that have benefit-cost-ratios of 1 to 30, which is not a good deal for taxpayers.

Gregory Anderson, Redondo Beach, reported that there is about an 8-to-10-foot section of the 1600 block of Heron that sinks down about 2 to 3 inches, a steel plate on Dixon, and lots of work on Grant that all needs to be fixed; mentioned the roads have been like that for too long.

City Clerk Manzano reported no e-Comments, and no one has their hand raised on Zoom.

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

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Light announced there are three hearings tonight, so he asked that the Councilmembers reveal their ex parte communications by L.1, L.2, or L.3.

Councilmembers Waller and Castle had none.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking with City staff and the Mayor for L.2 and L.3.

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

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

Mayor Light reported speaking to the City Manager and several Councilmembers on L.1, L.2, and L.3; noted that he did receive feedback from the public but did not talk directly with any member of the public on L.3.

Councilmember Waller amended his report and stated he did speak to the Mayor on L.2.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STREET LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-032, 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, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026

PROCEDURES:

- A. Open the public hearing, take testimony and deliberate;**
- B. Close public hearing; and**
- C. Adopt resolution No. CC-2506-032**

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to open the public hearing on Item L.1.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Public Works Director Winje introduced Lauren Sablan, City Engineer, for the presentation on street landscaping and lighting assessment district for the next FY.

City Engineer Sablan reported this is an annual process to authorize the assessment fee for maintenance of the street lighting, and landscaping district; stated her annual report included an assessment diagram, the methodology, and the projected costs for the next year and was presented on May 21st; noted at that time, Council passed a resolution with the intent to levy an assessment to address the cost to maintain these items; stated tonight's action is to take public input and decide whether or not to authorize collection of the revenue needed to support the work to maintain the street lights, signals and landscape medians; presented the PowerPoint which included:

1) Program Highlights

- 1) Maintains streetlights, signals, and landscaped medians
 - 2) Annual expenditure – approx. \$2.7 million
 - 3) Annual fee to property owners – approx. \$1.5 million
 - 4) Deficit is funded by General Fund – approx. \$1.2 million
- Prop 218 Process to Increase Assessments – submitted as a Blue Folder item
 - 1) Requires Engineer's Report (prepared by a consultant)
 - 2) Requires approval by voters
 - 3) Process to take approx. 12 months
 - Recommendation
 - 1) Open Public Hearing, take testimony and deliberate
 - 2) Close Public Hearing
 - 3) Confirm there is no majority protest
 - 4) Adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2506-032

Mayor Light wanted to clarify that if they don't vote to increase the fees, the fees would happen as they are in the budget right now or would they have to go to a vote.

City Manager Witzansky stated if the City does nothing, the City would lose roughly \$1 million in collect assessment; clarified that, in order to continue to capture and collect and apply to the assessor payroll on an annualized tax basis, the City has to take this action each year so that they can effectively reconstitute the roughly \$1 million every year; reported that is what is required under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1992; stated it is not an increase but a reaffirmation of the existing fee structure.

Mayor Light asked if the City wanted to close that gap, is this the time for the City to say, "let's up this and put it to a vote".

City Manager Witzansky said, in order to do that, the City would have to do a supplemental process and that starts with an assessor's methodology; noted a consultant would be needed, a study done to assess the supplemental fee, and would have to track its own 218 process.

Discussion between Councilmember Behrendt and City Manager Witzansky regarding the recommendation to increase to the maximum extent possible under the existing parameters, which is essentially continuing the existing assessment for another fiscal year cycle.

City Manager Witzansky explained that the parameters were established by the Street Landscaping Lighting Act prior to Prop 218 and that is why the City is frozen in time at this level and anything beyond that has to be collected through a supplemental Prop 218 process.

Councilmember Waller supported continuing as is but voiced concern over the City's fiscal issues and the possible trash change of Prop 218.

City Manager Witzansky responded stating that is a separate Prop 218 process; explained there are a couple of different stratospheres for Prop 218; noted trash collection falls under what is called a Majority Protest Process and Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District falls under an Affirmative Voting Process; explained further that this is assessed on parcel property owners, so it has a different distinction.

Councilmember Waller stated if the City wanted to adjust the fee for a prop 218 vote, it might make sense to align that with adjusting the trash fees for Prop 218.

City Manager Witzansky stated they would have to run them on parallel courses, but they would not follow the same timeline.

Councilmember Waller encouraged staff to look at that process.

Mayor Light stated staff would need direction from Council to do that.

City Manager Witzansky stated they would also need to spend money on a consultant to help create the methodology to consider the possible supplemental assessment.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light asked what the staff recommendation is for tonight.

City Manager Witzansky stated all they are doing is affirming the existing assessment but if, as part of the budget discussions, Council wants to consider having staff explore closing the gap and seeking the supplemental assessment, they would need direction as part of the budget; mentioned funding to support the consultant funding would be about \$200,000.

More discussion followed regarding the appropriation process, impact per residential unit to recoup, and the increase in cost to residents per year; spoke of the program paying for maintenance improvements and tree trimming.

Mayor Light reconfirmed that all staff needed tonight is approval for this to get the collection on the roles for next year.

Councilmember Obagi asked if the affirmative vote was on the ballot at the ballot box or a letter that is sent out.

Public Works Director Winje stated it is a mail vote and the City needs to get 50% plus one of all the responses that come back.

Discussion followed regarding when this was first passed.

City Manager Witzansky reported it was the 1972 Lighting Act; went into further detail about the Act and the changes since Prop 218.

Public Works Director Winje added that the specific benefit has to be assigned to each property, which is part of the reason it costs \$150,000 for the assessment to understand the specific benefit per property.

City Manager Witzansky stated it is by design, that is why Prop 218 was passed to make these types of assessments a much more arduous process.

Councilmember Obagi asked if there was another way to raise the money to fund the City's lighting, tree trimming, etc.

City Manager Witzansky responded that they can go a completely different route and do a full vote on a Parks District or a Public Park and Open Space District, where the City could assess everybody in the community and the City creates a program to do that; stated with that, all voters would weigh in on the outcome; noted that, again, that is a whole other process with higher consulting fees.

Councilmember Behrendt re-stated, just to move forward with the Prop 218 vote on increasing the assessment for lighting and landscaping, it would cost a couple hundred thousand dollars.

City Manager Witzansky clarified just to study the methodology it would cost that much and then Council would have to consider assigning that and going forward.

Councilmember Behrendt noted that the last time the City did that it was 57% against it in 2006.

Discussion followed regarding the cost vs the value, arguments against the proposed methodology with different sized frontages, and disproportionate assessment for the benefit that would ultimately be achieved.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned if there was a different methodology selected, one that was more equitable, the outcome may be different but that is what the study and consultant work does.

Councilmember Obagi asked if there was a protest.

City Manager Witzansky stated this one doesn't require protest; noted it is still an administrative hearing process because it falls under the old Lighting Act.

City Clerk Manzano informed Council after 218 is being done and the ballots come in, that is when she confirms.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to adopt by title only Resolution CC-2506-032.

Mayor Light invited members of the public to speak on the item.

Gregory Anderson, Redondo Beach, wanted clarification as to why the item is just now being presented to City Council by City staff if the date is July 1, 2025, and it all has to be done for the following fiscal year.

City Manager Witzansky stated this comes at this time of year every year; explained that the hearing has to conclude before the start of the next fiscal year, much like the budget adoption, because the City needs to be able to place it on the following year's tax roll; noted this is their normal course of action for this assessment.

Gregory Anderson stated he was curious since the City Manager gave the Council different options to choose.

City Manager Witzansky said those options could not be implemented by July 1st and would take a year or two to formally consider and to act on; clarified the only thing to act on tonight is continuation of the existing assessment structure that's been in place since 1984.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no e-Comments.

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

Mayor Light stated that there were two motions on the floor: the public hearing closure and to approve the Resolution as written.

Both motions carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution CC-2506-032.

L.2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES INC., DBA ATHENS SERVICES, PROPOSED SOLID WASTE CHARGES AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND TO CONSIDER ANY PROTEST AGAINST THE WRITTEN REPORT

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2506-033 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING CONTRACTOR'S CHARGES AND CORRESPONDING CITY FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL, MULTIFAMILY, AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR AND ORDERING THE ANNUAL REFUSE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TO BE COLLECTED ON THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TAX ROLL

PROCEDURES:

- a. Open the Public Hearing**
- b. Take Testimony**

c. Close the Public Hearing
d. Adopt by Title Only Resolution No. CC-2506-033

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Public Works Director Winje announced this is the City's annual process to confirm rates for the next fiscal year with their Athens contract; mentioned Andrea Delap, Senior Management Analyst, would be presenting tonight; stated this is not about the amendment but under the City's current contract.

Analyst Delap stated they are there tonight for a public hearing to consider the posed adjustments to refuse rates for the 25-26 fiscal year; noted that staff comes before Council every year at this time to consider the refuse rates for the upcoming FY for residents and businesses as prescribed in the current Athens Services Agreement and ratified by the Prop 218 process; presented some slides which included:

- Overview
 1. Current Athens Contract
 2. Proposed rate increase and methodology
 3. Proposed rates
 4. Rate breakdown and comparison
 5. Rate adjustment process and recommendation
- Background
 1. First amendment to the current hauler agreement was signed in June 2019
 2. Agreement term: 9 years
 3. Rate adjustment formula – Formula ratified via Prop 218 in 2024
- Proposed Rate Changes
 1. Annual adjustment is indices change plus 1%, in 2025-26 that indices change to 2.6% plus a 1% adjustment
 2. Total proposed increase is 3.6% for all customers
- Rate Adjustment Methodology
 1. Changes in industry indices: labor, fuel, equipment, disposal, other
 2. Total weighted indices change 2.6%
 3. Indices change + 1% + 3.6%

Mayor Light asked what determines the weight of the indices.

Analyst Delap explained it is outlined in the First Amendment of the Athen Services

contract attached to the packet provided to Council.

Mayor Light rephrased that what he didn't understand, from the information provided, is the weight set by contract or is it determined from the analysis? Does it vary year per year or is that each indices has its own weight in perpetuity?

Analyst Delap answered that is correct; added it was set in the contract that was outlined in 2019, and then it will move over time as each year the change occurs, so the weight is compounded over time; gave examples to further explain how it is weighted.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the weight assigned to each index was part of a negotiation and a contract that was then locked in? Or is the weight that's assigned to each index based on a different index that fluctuates independent of what was?

City Manager Witzansky responded that it is pursuant to the terms of the agreement and went into further detail; noted that the basis was a pre-negotiated figure that was contemporary at the time.

More discussion followed regarding how they adjusted the figure year to year and how the indices are weighted.

Public Works Director Winje interjected and added that, in the package Council was given, there is a step by step process of how the calculation methodology plays out and the step for where the reweigh of the cost components are considered; stated it indicates that the cost component weighting will be multiplied by a change in the index related to each of the indices changes to get the new cost weighting for the following year.

Councilmember Behrendt voiced his understanding as it is prescriptive originally, then slightly modified based on the changes to each component such as labor, fuel, etc.

Public Works Director Winje said that is correct.

More discussion followed regarding the chart in the package, the original weighing, the adjustments made year over year, and the effect of fuel as a component to the overall weight.

Councilmember Obagi asked for the City Clerk to light up 2B, which is the first amendment to the contract with Athens and the one in effect right now; stated it explains it there and fuel is at 3.97% of the weighted and that is why a 35% drop doesn't really matter.

Mayor Light interjected he understands that but wanted to know how they got to that weight.

City Manager Witzansky replied that he thinks it was due to the risk of volatility for that type of component and for a company like Athens, that can buy in bulk, they can fix their prices differently than the rest of us.

Analyst Delap mentioned this discussion is exactly the purpose of the meeting, that staff brings this to Council every year with a methodology set in 2019, so there is not a lot of change, and it is a great segue to understand that methodology.

Mayor Light asked if the City gets to see the costs for operations.

City Manager Witzansky stated Athens provides a justification in their letter each year for how their operations have been impacted; reported they went with these indices so it would be a clear and transparent metric.

More discussion followed on the confusion of the basis and the relevance of the original weighting when it was set.

Analyst Delap noted it is something for their future discussion on second amendment and incorporate that into the requests for the hauler; continued with the presentation:

- Proposed Refuse Rates – current rates vs proposed FY 2025-26 rates w/ 3.6%
 1. Single Family Rate - \$29.78 vs \$30.77
 2. Sample Multi-Family Rate - \$164.74 vs \$170.49
 3. Sample Commercial Rate - \$253.44 vs \$263.37

*Explained that the sample rates are due to multi-family and commercial customers having a myriad of potential service levels available to them.

- Residential Service Rate Breakdown – explained they used Manhattan and Hermosa Beach for the rate comparisons.
 1. Proposed residential refuse rates for FY 2025-26
 2. Provided columns with each service component
 3. Listed Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan Beach with rates for each
 4. Redondo Beach is the only city of the three that has unlimited refuse
 5. Hermosa does not include organics, so it is an additional cost

Councilmember Obagi asked the size of the typical cart for Redondo Beach single-family.

Analyst Delap answered 64 and 96 are the ones you see out on the street.

City Manager Witzansky added this is something that Redondo Beach would like to expand over time with other cities; spoke that ideally they want to move towards prospective contract negotiations with charts like this to provide a broader comparison across the area and noted that each contract for each city is different along with different service levels.

More discussion ensued regarding services offered and services that are not being used enough or being used all the time and how valuable and invaluable certain components of the contract may be; Analyst Delap continued her presentation:

- Commercial Service Rate Breakdown
 1. Proposed commercial service rates for FY 2025-26
 2. Provided columns with each service component
 3. Listed Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan Beach with rates for each
- Annual Rate Adjustment Process
 1. Notice the Public Hearing – done
 2. Hold Public Hearing
 3. Approve proposed annual adjustment
 4. Place refuse charges for Residential collection on the County of LA Tax Roll
 5. All rate changes effective July 1, 2025

Analyst Delap offered to take any questions and then asked that Council adopt, by title only, Resolution No. CC-2506-032.

Councilmember Behrendt thanked staff for the presentation; pulled up the Residential Refuse Rate Survey as of May 2025 from the agenda packet; mentioned it looked similar to what was presented and asked who prepared the May 2025 survey.

Analyst Delap stated that she and other staff members prepared that survey; noted it was an informal survey and if the City wanted something more formal, they may use a consultant such as HF&H to assist.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if the slide that she put up was staff's attempt to show an "apples to apples" comparison so that the City Council, Mayor and City could get an idea as to what is included in the price.

Analyst Delap responded affirmatively and explained it was initiated because of comments and questions they had received in other discussions on the second amendment.

Councilmember Behrendt pointed out that looking at the residential refuse rate, it looks like other cities are coming in lower than Athens; stated it would be helpful to get more information at the appropriate time and listed off some of the other refuse companies on the list; mentioned the commercial refuse rates also looked lower but recognized that pertinent information is missing; questioned if, besides the recommendation to approve this and move forward, is there any other alternative at this point.

City Manager Witzansky stated the City is obligated under the contract to adjust the rates according to the agreement; believed their real analysis is to determine if the indices and the calculations have been done correctly, and they believe the resulting fees are according to contract, so that is their only determination to make tonight.

More discussion followed regarding the need for the consultants and that HF&H helped create the original indices in 2011 and helped with the update in 2019.

Councilmember Obagi stated it is clear that they have to proceed with this rate adjustment; mentioned looking at the proposed second amendment that Athens had requested and using an outside expert at HF&H to compare the City's rights and responsibilities and Athens' rights and responsibilities under the existing contract; noted it was 183 pages plus the first amendment; noted if the City agrees to the second amendment, it will bind future councils and hearings.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi to adopt, by title only, Resolution No. CC 2506-033; added that the City Council needs to be careful about what indices are lumped or chained to their rates, because they will be binding for years to come.

Councilmember Castle had questions regarding the timing of the increases in prices for residents and when the new Athens contract would come into effect and would that mean a second increase within the same year.

City Manager Witzansky stated it would be effective July 1, 2025, across all three rate structures: single-family, multi-family, and commercial; noted, per Athens proposal, there is discussion to eliminate the multi-family category and put those customers effectively into the commercial category; stated if the Council agrees to that type of service change, each individual multi-family complex will need to work with Athens to determine what their commercial rate plan will be; noted what's going to be important for the Council is to determine what the likely overall average change to those various customers will be; stated staff will need to give Council enough comparative analysis to feel good about what that means on an impact basis; pointed out that there will not be any proposed change, in this initial amendment, to the City's single-family residential rates next year and commercial rates will remain unchanged depending on whether or not there are scout fees or other fees needed.

Mayor Light stated that the question was not answered as to when the proposed change would take effect.

City Manager Witzansky reported that it takes effect after the approved contract and a subsequent Prop 218 process, so it could take effect as early as next winter or later in the fiscal year depending on how quickly the City moves through the process; noted that Athens would like to see the service change implemented by the end of the calendar year in order to comply with current state requirements.

Councilmember Kaluderovic seconded the motion made by Councilmember Obagi, to adopt, by title only, Resolution No. CC-2506-033.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Gregory Anderson, Redondo Beach, stated he is opposed to any rate increase and asked the Council to oppose it too; explained they refuse to pick up certain people's trash in his neighborhood with no reason, the company does not care and charges an additional fee

to go out and pick it up; secondly, the street sweepers go around the cans that are left on the street; stated he understands there is an ordinance, but some things need to be looked at before any rate increase is given.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no e-Comments.

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

Mayor Light announced there are two motions on the floor: the approval of the resolution as written and the close of the public hearing.

Councilmember Obagi spoke directly to Mr. Anderson and asked him to contact him directly if he experienced any problems.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

City Clerk Manzano read adopt by title only Resolution CC-2506-033.

L.3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2025-30 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROCEDURES:

- a. Open the Public Hearing;**
- b. Receive and file Budget Response Reports;**
- c. Take testimony; and,**
- d. Continue the Public Hearing to June 10, 2024**

CONTACT: STEPHANIE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to open the public hearing on Item L.3.

Motion carried 4-0-1. Councilmember Behrendt was absent.

City Manager Witzansky announced he would introduce the item and they will hear from the Police Chief, Public Works Director and the Community Development Director; mentioned this is technically their second hearing of four, as it pertains to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program; stated, tonight, their focus is primarily on the operating budget; stated next week they will focus on the Capital Program and then presumably, if the Council can come to an agreement, adopt the budget on the 17th; mentioned a couple of highlighted decision packages, budget response reports, a summary of the activities that have been prepared; and recommendations effectively to continue the hearing to the 10th; reminded the Council the budget is balanced as proposed, it takes in a series of actions; reported the City's core operating revenues and expenditures are structurally balanced, with one significant

caveat, which is the absorption of the City's sustained, unfunded, accrued liability payment that the City is now subject to with CalPERS; stated they are slowly absorbing that into the budget and, in order to do that this year, the City's \$4.3 million UAL is being effectively covered by a \$3.5 million transfer from their CalPERS reserve fund to cover the expense over time; reported their goal is to have that be part of their full structural revenue and expenditure pro forma and explained their plan to do it; stated their recommendations that evening, as it pertains to the General Fund from a revenue and/or structural savings standpoint, exceed ongoing cost that is accretive to the budget and they have their one-time decision packages that are their enterprise funds and their other annual equipment and vehicle purchase actions; noted they have about \$43,000 of unallocated fund balance; reminded Council that the City's revenues are very conservatively estimated, they used outside, supporting consultants to help with the calculations, and continue to be judicious in showing growth in those areas; provided more details and informed Council that, although it is a conservatively forecasted budget, it is one that he feels is appropriate given the circumstances economically.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky continued with the presentation; stated there are 52 total decision packages, 34 of those are General Fund related; mentioned the ongoing impact is positive on the structural budget with the proposed decision packages; stated the City's 18 Enterprise Fund decision packages tend to deal primarily with their annual equipment replacements; stated they also have significant one-time expenditures and some ongoing expenditures associated with their transit operations and some of their transit restricted sources of funds; mentioned there are very few new positions in the proposed budget, largely because they are worried about long term core expenditure but the few positions they have recommended have some offsetting; noted they do continue to propose funding for the City's 27 crossing guard locations; stated they are also making continued investments in employee wellness and technology; spoke of the tree trimming costs to the City being a pain point and costly, significant changes to key building permit turnaround and performance, and supplementing existing staffing levels with third party plans for the economic development community; turned the presentation over to Police Chief, Joe Hoffman.

Police Chief Hoffman stated that Redondo Beach being an early adopter of technology has set them apart from a lot of other law enforcement organizations; stated they have been funding a lot of that through one-time funding and grant funding; mentioned that with this decision package, they are seeking to move the majority of that into the core budget; continued the PowerPoint presentation which included:

- Police Technology – Decision Package #23
 - Expanded Drone Program (Autonomous) – Using as a First Responder Program, explained the limitations with the current drone program; noted they received the FAA waiver; stated as long as they have operators that have the FAA certification, they can fly drones 24/7.
 - License Plate Readers increase safety – Hoping to expand to different locations

- in the City.
 - Feedback tools increase transparency – Named platforms they are using: Zen City and Spider Tech
 - Data consolidation system to increase efficiency – Mentioned challenges they have with data points being stored in individual silos and it is critical to connect all of them; reported bringing Peregrine will streamline critical information.
 - Ongoing funding gap: \$187,205
- PD Civilian Personnel Adjustments – Decision Package #32
 - Municipal Services Supervisor – covers full 7-day schedule
 - Social Media Coordinator – need a full-time person; currently have a part-time; mentioned they can work for the whole City.
 - Fiscal Impact – Offset cost through vacant position adjustment, reduction to part-time budget, and increase citation revenue.
- Police Dept Wellness Program – Decision Package #33
 - Mentioned the need for mental health, PTSD situations, variety of components needed.
 - Department events to promote morale and build a healthy organization
 - Fiscal Impact – reduction in workers' compensation among other benefits
- Crossing Guard Program – snapshot
 - 27 Intersections staffed
 - City employed and contractor
 - FY 2024-25 total: \$552,600
- Staffing & Cost Structure – for Crossing Guards
 - Cheaper for the City to do it through City employees
 - Challenging to get enough applications to fill those positions
 - Showed rates for City employees vs Contract employees
 - Contract staffing does bridge gaps, and they do not have to use Police officers, MSOs or other City personnel and take from their primary duties
- Crossing Guard Program – Proposed Funding for 27 sites
 - Core Budget (General Fund): \$212,600 (12 sites)
 - Additional one-time funds: \$367,000 (15 sites)

Chief Hoffman showed maps of the five districts; explained how the 27 crossing guards are broken down in each district, which depends on how many schools are in the district; mentioned they submitted a BRR for two other crossing guard locations: 1) Artesia and the bike path, 2) Inglewood and Grant; said Council should have that in the next batch and it has a detailed overview and analysis of all 29 intersections; summarized the Crossing Guard Program showing a chart with this breakdown:

- Crossing Guard Program – Fiscal Impact
 - Core Budget: 12 intersections = \$212,000

- DP #24: 15 intersections = \$367,000
- Possible add: 2 intersections = \$ 64,800
- Total 29 intersections = \$644,400

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked a clarifying question: The two additional would assume that they were hired through the contract?

Chief Hoffman responded the dollar amount stated here is with contract pricing since that would be the most efficient way for the City to staff those intersections prior to the start of the next school year.

Mayor Light mentioned, back in the day, crossing guards were school kids that were trusted, trained, and given a white belt and badges to handle crossing guard duties; reported there is still a National School Safety Patrol Program and has the Police Department ever looked into this program.

Chief Hoffman stated they have approached the School District with ideas such as PTA, parents, and things like that, but the School District was not interested; mentioned using kids would probably be an issue with the City Attorney and risk management and liability because they would be considered an agent of the City and may expose them to liability.

Mayor Light mentioned putting kids at the less dangerous intersections and using adults at the more dangerous intersections would cost the City less and provide more coverage; stated he knows other school districts are doing it across the nation.

Councilmember Kaluderovic interjected and said she could speak for Washington, and it all depends on the school asking for volunteers and parents willing to show up consistently.

More discussion followed on the use of children and adults, the bad behavior of parents and drivers, and the need to ask the community.

Chief Hoffman reported one of the biggest challenges is the consistency in staffing but noted if the position is filled with an employee or a contractor someone will always show up; spoke of the reliability of volunteers is not guaranteed and not controllable.

Councilmember Obagi asked if DP #24 was for recurring funds, rather than one-time funds for those 15 and incorporated into the core budget, would the number drop because you would hire them on as permanent staff.

Chief Hoffman said it probably would but not during the next fiscal year because he would have to hire 15 people; noted that as they do hire, cost savings would hopefully happen.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if the number Chief Hoffman showed for the amount spent on crossing guards last year (over half a million) accounted for the officers that had to fill in for absent crossing guards.

Chief Hoffman stated no, that is just part of their normal operating budget.

Councilmember Waller stated he wanted to hear the City Attorney's opinion before they look into getting children and parent volunteers manning those intersections from a liability standpoint.

Councilmember Castle said, as a former Safety Patrol Captain when he was in fifth and sixth grade, it is definitely possible to do, and they should look into it.

Councilmember Obagi thanked the Chief and stated he supports everything that he's doing to bring the best technology to the Police Department and all he does to keep Redondo safe; mentioned that he loves the work the Social Media Coordinator is doing and felt that would be a great addition to have for all the departments; referenced BRR 17 and saw that someone in the PD wrote about the red light camera possibilities and thought he saw a law passed at the state that only allowed certain cities to use red light cameras.

Chief Hoffman clarified that that applies to only speed cameras; reported that red light cameras are a program that is authorized; noted that there is a lot of work involved and mentioned speaking with the Chief of Culver City and he informed him that it is a robust management process and entails identifying the drivers, sending them the notices, the court follow up and that they use a third party to manage all the systems; stated that there is a significant amount of revenue potential but the endeavor would be challenging.

Councilmember Obagi asked if Chief Hoffman would consider doing a pilot program with one red light camera.

Chief Hoffman responded that if there is an opportunity to increase safety, they would look into it; stated they would need to explore it more because there has been controversy related to it in other cities.

More discussion followed on the possibility of putting a red-light camera on a Caltrans, challenges surrounding using state poles, being creative with the location of the red-light camera, possible violations and accidents associated with doing that.

Councilmember Obagi stated if they wanted to experiment with a red-light camera, he would volunteer Aviation and Grant or Artesia and Rindge.

City Manager Witzansky stated that ideally, they would want to look for an intersection that has modern signal equipment and the electronic and utility infrastructure to support it; spoke of it being worth considering but they would need to go slow, pilot it and not bank revenue associated with citations with it.

Councilmember Behrendt noted that it is controversial, and they would want to be careful to not turn the residents against law enforcement over a couple bucks from the red-light

camera that people hate; stated he would like to include the residents in the decision.

Chief Hoffman noted he just wanted to provide a variety of options related to traffic enforcement for the Mayor and Council to consider to enhance traffic safety.

Councilmember Waller asked if they are using static license plate readers or some on vehicles.

Chief Hoffman reported that they are using both but mostly static; explained that they have parking enforcement vehicles that have license plate readers attached and all the four-hour marking are all digital; spoke of the technology involved and having a combination of mobile and fixed ALPR; mentioned they are looking at an ALPR trailer that can be deployed at various locations.

Councilmember Waller asked who is handling the social media outside of the Police Department.

City Manager Witzansky responded that each department is responsible for their own social media page; noted their goal is to make the current individual full-time and then allow her to integrate with the communications team and support the other departments beyond Police and managed by his office.

Councilmember Waller asked where the funds would come from.

City Manager Witzansky stated it is General Fund contribution.

Councilmember Waller spoke of the Wellness Programs and his support for them.

City Manager Witzansky spoke of the competitiveness of hiring police officers, bringing on new recruits and stated an agency must have a robust wellness program because people do consider their personal well-being and mental health opportunities.

Chief Hoffman welcomed anyone that wants to add to the wellness program; invited everyone to a surfing event on July 29th down at the beach, run by a local foundation that normally does surfing for military and PTSD; asked if the Fire Dept has a similar program, he stated they do and noted that the Sharp Performance coaching platform the City uses showed that the Fire Dept has a 41% utilization rate as opposed to the industry standard of 3% utilization.

City Manager Witzansky announced Andy Winje for the next presentation.

Public Works Director Winje stated he wanted to highlight a few of the City's Decision Packages that are part of the proposed budget; mentioned they have a fuel island that services the City owned vehicles and other vehicles through fuel purchase agreements and reported they have had 13 occasions where it has broken down since July 1st; stated they have been "duct taping" it back together and so DP #28 addresses costs associated

with revisiting those fuel island pumps and rehabilitating that equipment so it is more reliable for internal and external clients; reported having three reorganization positions proposed, which are DPs #34, #35, and # 38; stated #34 has to do with converting one of the City's park caretakers to an irrigation technician specialist, #35 has to do with the change in the Engineering Division from an Assistant Engineer to a Senior Level with extra duties that include plan check service; #38 is converting a position that was formerly a field position (Recycle Ranger) to an office based Solid Waste position that would assist with electronic tracking of waste; reported those are three positions that they are recommending for reorganization, different titles but net zero body/head count in the department; moved on to DP #49 and #50, which he referred to as "truing up of specialized services and materials and supplies"; stated they are recommending that those costs become part of their core budget through an ongoing appropriation to increase specialized services such as elevators and traffic signals; moved on to DP #14 (provided a slide with detailed information and a chart) which is a one-time appropriation for tree trimming; gave more detail regarding the tree trimming contract which included the four year contract with West Coast Arborist that was signed in 2019 and 2023, explained the grids, costs associated with each grid, and how it was funded; noted that \$283,000 is their core budget each year and they have asked for one-time appropriations through the decision package process each year and gave more information about the tree trimming contract.

Councilmember Castle had a question regarding the core budget number of \$283,000; asked where did it come from and why is it fixed over time?

Public Works Director Winje said he wished he could give him the whole answer and spoke about doing a lot of research to find where that number came from; mentioned that over time trees get bigger and with inflationary costs numbers all grow; stated it was probably an appropriate number on real estimated costs way back and over time they have had to increase that number.

City Manager Witzansky added that they have considered converting the core number into something more substantial but noted, as critical as tree trimming is, if it was between retaining staff or public safety and other things, they would consider reduction rather than absorbing it into the budget; stated what they have been doing is one-time funding which sheds light on the issue for the community; reported they are proposing \$590,000 of funding.

Public Works Director Winje noted that a significant portion of the tree trimming contract goes for the City's street trees, which are part of the City's Landscaping Lighting District so that is funded through the General Fund.

Councilmember Waller asked if there was any way to equalize the grid so that the budget could be smoother.

Public Works Director Winje stated it is a combination of the geography of the City; mentioned once the grid is set up it is a bit difficult to just change it.

More discussion followed on the maintenance needed and the types of trees that are higher maintenance.

City Manager Witzansky stated Councilmember Waller's points are well taken and at the conclusion of the current contract, the City will re-evaluate the geography and the inventory to try to smooth it; mentioned possibly cycling the biannual trimming among species and spoke of other ideas.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about the Street and Landscaping Lighting District assessment and mentioned that it was underfunded by \$1.2 million; wanted to clarify if a big chunk of the \$580,000 was to support that.

City Manager Witzansky stated that only includes the core and when they add the DP it will go from \$1.2 to \$1.5; added that, yes, that is a big portion of it.

Councilmember Obagi asked if Public Works Director Winje knew where the grid was when it was developed and how it was developed.

Public Works Director Winje stated he does not and was not with the City at that time.

Councilmember Obagi spoke to the City Manager and told him it occurs to him, that when he sees this grid, that it is not prioritizing the City's economic corridors; mentioned that the trees on Artesia Blvd. look nothing like the trees at the Waterfront; showed a picture of the palm trees and opined that the City's palm trees should not look that shaggy and should be trimmed up; asked how they could go about having a discussion to make changes to the grid or just to prioritize the palm trees.

City Manager Witzansky explained the way to address a specific area is to treat it as a "special" and set aside funding for that particular component of work; noted that the contract they have with their provider allows for extra trimming; stated that the City has the ability to fund that as needed, they would need the appropriation to support it and believed they have a BRR coming regarding the costs for Artesia palm tree.

Public Works Director Winje reported he drafted the BRR last week and it will be ready for the next meeting.

More discussion followed regarding tree trimming.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she had one more question about DP #49, regarding if the City could add a bit more color to the sand maintenance adjacent to the Chart House and asked how much that would cost.

Public Works Director Winje said most of the beach is owned and maintained by the county but there is a little beach in front of the Chart House Restaurant that is Redondo Beach's to maintain; gave some background on the item and informed Council due to

changes the City is now responsible for that area; mentioned looking into purchasing equipment or contracting equipment but stated the County is willing to do it very inexpensively so they are entering into an agreement with them; reported the cost is about \$20,000 annually.

Councilmember Obagi asked Director Winje if the City is still utilizing the allocated additional monies for overtime hours for Public Works for cleanup of the Esplanade, International Boardwalk, Artesia Blvd, trash cans, etc. and if so, are they used during certain times of the year such as summertime.

Public Works Director Winje reported high demand during the summer, especially at the Pier, and gave more detail on the use of the monies throughout the year.

Mayor Light asked if the \$100K against the Tidelands and the \$15K against the Uplands in DP #49 is for the Hermosa Beach section.

Rob Osborne, Public Works, came to the podium to answer the question; gave some background regarding DP #49; reported that the Harbor Tidelands includes some of the parking structure which includes elevators, HVAC, and other maintenance items; mentioned that it is not that the demand in the Tidelands grew more than the Uplands but it was just more out of balance for what the City was spending.

More discussion followed and the Mayor disagreed with the imbalance and didn't like the use of taking funds from other sources.

City Manager Witzansky stated they can come back to Council with more detail on the Tidelands' maintenance contract budget before and after this proposed DP; stated the Upland is built into the core budget and much higher than the Tidelands.

Mayor Light stated, outside of this, he would like to understand how the City is allocating and determining; asked if this is a guesstimate or is there science.

City Manager Witzansky stated it is based on past contract expenses and ongoing needs; mentioned staff can give more detail on that and explained how it depends on several factors and on the nature of the contract.

More discussion ensued.

City Manager Witzansky gave some background on what Community Development Director, Marc Wiener, has been working on; explained the DP he would be talking about is one that has been recommended through their assessment and has been identified through department strategic planning conversations.

Community Development Director Wiener explained that this DP is targeted at improving customer service within the Community Development Department; stated that customer service in his department is measured in two ways: interaction with the customers and by

length of time to review the projects; noted the DP will expedite the building plan check process within the department, which has been a bottleneck in their process; provided a slide on Plan-check Operations Improvements and walked through it; reported the department has two in-house plan checkers that issue about 3000 permits a year, about 20% of those plan checks are outsourced to third party consultants and the average review time is 6 to 8 weeks; noted that it is a lengthy process and that the same plan checkers are tasked with working with the customers, guiding the architects on their projects, and helping at the counter; explained the workload is hefty and that a significant amount of them need corrections that extend the review process; stated their goal is to compress the process and are proposing to maintain their two full-time plan checkers but outsource approximately 70% of the plan checks to third party consultants; proposed a 60/40 plan-check revenue share; stated they are anticipating the average review time will go down to 1 to 2 weeks, which will free up the plan checkers to work on the minor applications and turn those around within a couple of days; mentioned this should free up the plan checkers to focus on customer service; reported that they have actually leaned into this system over the past five months with some of the extra funding they had in their contracted professional services budget; noted that it has reduced the review times, led to better customer service, and they have received positive survey responses from it; stated the DP does come with a fiscal impact of approximately \$200,000 annually; stated they recently did a RFP and received multiple proposals and if this is approved will be bringing an agreement to the City Council; noted they included, as part of the terms, that plan checks are to be delivered within 2 weeks, assist with staff and customers, and other performance standards.

Mayor Light asked if it will all be done through iWorq.

Community Development Director Wiener explained iWorq is a permit management system and the consultants are already working this way using the portal system.

Mayor Light asked if he is comparing the fiscal impact to if the City hired more people.

City Manager Witzansky responded no, they are using the current core budget.

Discussion ensued between the Mayor and City Manager.

City Manager Witzansky noted that there are other scenarios but that this model creates flexibility for the City and allows them to expand and contract with permit demand as opposed to carrying fixed costs associated with circumstance; explained how this option allows the City to be more responsive to the building community, help existing personnel to focus on their core competency and their primary issues, and allow a more efficient third party group to execute plan checks that bog down the plan examiners.

Mayor Light explained the feedback he was receiving from people regarding the permit system is that the plan check did not bother them, but that after they addressed the initial issues the City came back with new things for them to fix; asked if all the issues could be addressed in the initial plan check.

City Manager Witzansky felt that is the problem with having only two overly burdened personnel and that this plan would help that issue.

More discussion followed regarding other departments affected by permit review but that this is focused specifically on the building plan check.

Community Development Director Wiener stated another benefit this plan brings is additional experts that could provide second opinions and weigh in on some of the decisions that are being made.

Mayor Light said he is all for outsourcing and noted bringing in more internally has a whole lot of costs associated with it and outsourcing can be sized for demand.

Councilmember Waller asked for a cost estimate on fully sourcing as opposed to outsourcing.

City Manager Witzansky said it depends on how many resources they would need to add; explained that plan examiners are high in demand and that private firms are far more competitive and have more ability to retain top talent; reported even if they did fund it, there is no guarantee they would be successful in recruiting talent; added that a contract helps them hold people accountable through the contract terms.

Councilmember Waller asked what the net cost would be to fully fund 2 to 3 employees.

Community Development Director Wiener stated at least two additional plan checkers are needed and would probably be about \$400,000 fully loaded for both; noted that the City Manager was correct in saying that it would be a tough position to hire.

Mayor Light noted that he received feedback from an architect that told him the contract plan checkers were much better than the City plan checkers.

Community Development Director Wiener mentioned they currently have an expedited process where a person can pay to have it outsourced and this plan would do away with that need.

More discussion followed on the efficiency and effectiveness of this recommended plan.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Director Wiener for providing this much needed change; stated the slow times in the Building Department and the plan check review process have plagued the City for a long time; asked Director Wiener to explain to the Council the next step needed for his department and mentioned Director Wiener spoke to him and Councilmember Behrendt about a Plan Check Supervisor.

Community Development Director Wiener noted that it is not for this budget but that they have been working on a department fee study and stated they will be bringing that to the

City Council in a few months; mentioned there would be some modest fee increases that they would like to apply to hiring a Counter Supervisor; noted it was covered when they discussed the organizational assessment and it was a recommendation and detailed out the role.

Councilmember Kaluderovic referenced DP #4 regarding the development fee increase for the Community Development Department; asked if the 6.7% uniform increase across all fees is based on the same volume of applications that they are currently seeing.

Community Development Director Wiener stated it is to match the cost-of-living salary increases that are occurring this year and to offset the operational cost for the department.

City Manager Witzansky clarified that Councilmember Kaluderovic is asking if the estimated revenue calculation is pursuant to current applications and the answer is yes; they do feel like next year's forecast does look to be comparable to this year's; stated they feel good about that estimate and achieving that estimate on a growth basis.

More discussion followed regarding using reserves and estimating outcomes.

Mayor Light noted that they were only briefed on some of the decision packages tonight and asked if they would hear a briefing on all of them.

City Manager Witzansky stated no, it would take quite a bit of time so they are just giving highlights and mentioned if anyone has questions on any of the DPs they can reach out to directors and staff.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the budget response report and program; noted they are up to 58 and reported 30 are included in their packet this weekend and hoped to have the other 28 in their packet the next weekend; stated their goal is to try to have this supplemental information to them in as much time as possible, to allow Mayor and Council to consider it as part of their budget motion making; mentioned they may have some in Blue Folder next Tuesday.

Mayor Light referenced a discussion he had with the City Manager about street things and asked if a BRR was needed.

City Manager Witzansky said if it can be answered quickly one is not necessarily needed.

More discussion followed regarding it being a capital conversation and it can be answered next Tuesday; clarified that it is a speed calming concern and a complicated area.

City Manager Witzansky provided a slide and explained that the Planning Commission considered the budget for General Plan consistency; believed they took action to confirm that it is consistent with the General Plan; provided a PowerPoint which included:

- Budget Calendar

- June 2nd – Planning Commission (CIP Review for GP consistency)
 - June 3rd – Operations Focus
 - June 10th – CIP Focus
 - June 12th – Budget & Finance Commission
 - June 17th – Budget & CIP Adoption
- Recommended Actions
 - Re-open Public Hearing
 - Conduct Operating Budget Q&A
 - Take Public Comment
 - Continue Public Hearing to June 10, 2025

Councilmember Obagi mentioned one of the questions that Council has asked all the directors is: what positions does the City see growth needed to support the departments; reported some feedback they received was that the Community Services Department needed a particular position and asked Community Services Director Hause to describe what it is and if a BRR was needed.

City Manager Witzansky responded to the request; stated they can provide a BRR for the additional supervisor position in the Recreation Division; mentioned they may have a vacant position that could offset some of the cost and would like to see some additional revenues identified to cover the balance.

Councilmember Obagi reported he has been Brown Acting with Councilmember Behrendt on crossing guards, and they met with Chief Hoffman; spoke of getting a BRR on it which will identify vehicles, unaccompanied students, total e-Bike riders, etc.

City Manager Witzansky stated they will get the BRR in their packet next week.

Councilmember Obagi reported what they have agreed on is not increasing the number of crossing guards above 27 and that they don't want to pull crossing guards out of each other's count districts; noted that he sees how crossing guards are growing in demand but no one is actually looking at the metrics to see if additional ones are warranted; asked if anyone else had any ideas.

Councilmember Kaluderovic felt objectively none are unnecessary at any intersection but recommended some education and discussion be had with the community to help them understand the financial strain this puts on the City; noted it would be unfair to have this discussion without the community and the families that would be affected by changes to locations of crossing guards not present for that discussion; suggested outreach and community discussion to reallocate crossing guards to the most necessary locations.

Councilmember Obagi announced that he and Councilmember Behrendt prepared a worksheet of their thoughts; said their understanding is that BRR 1 will not change the \$42,906 balance that is left after all this money is approved (Finance Director Stephanie Meyer, nodded in agreement); reported that DP #9 says that Council could do their own

election for the General Plan amendment if they need to run a special election for \$280,000; stated they spoke with City Clerk Manzano and she said it could be done; stated they would vote to take the cheaper in-house option for a savings of \$27,000; noted DP #24 had no impact but questioned the reduction; spoke of DP #45 having a \$250,000 fence at Perry Park that currently does not need to be replaced but will need to be in the future and allocated some money towards it, mentioning the use of Quimby funds.

City Manager Witzansky recommended being clear in the statement where the funding source is coming from.

Councilmember Obagi continued and stated that they also added Quimby Funds to Aviation Park Pickleball; mentioned they had gone to a BRR on this last year and funded it to \$320,000 and that City Manager Witzansky reported they could probably start design this year; noted they added an additional \$200,000 to Pickleball Aviation and that would bring the balance to \$71,000; stated that they spoke to the Mayor and he is satisfied with the amount allocated to Wilderness Park.

City Manager Witzansky interjected that there are estimates for Quimby Funding replenishment this year but given the housing projects that are in the pipeline they remain conservative; mentioned the City will have new Quimby Funds accrue over the next few years.

Councilmember Castle asked what he thought that total would be for the next year.

City Manager Witzansky thought it would be about \$1.6 million or a bit less than that but it does not account for the 46-unit project that is proposed on Pearl and PCH.

Discussion followed regarding funding for Wilderness Park.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about BRR 25 and stated that the fencing on Grant Avenue is bad and reported that would bring the General Fund balance down to \$24,000; mentioned Councilmember Waller is concerned about Comcate, which is BRR #29, and staff is suggesting the upgrade which is \$23,900.

IT Director Mike Cook reported it is a one-time upgrade cost for the project and mentioned other upgrades that would be about \$4,000 but spoke about absorbing that in the operational budget.

City Manager Witzansky clarified that if they were to fund both upgrades it would come out of IT and not General Fund appropriation.

More discussion followed regarding the Comcate upgrade.

Councilmember Obagi moved on to BRR #35 and stated they chose to pursue grant funding for small or medium sensory rooms in one or both of the City's libraries instead of trying to fund that; spoke of the success of grant funding for libraries; stated they are

in favor of BRR 36, funding the replacement of the sailboat to the City's logo on the King Harbor gateway signage and potentially change the font to match the City's logo font which would be an additional \$60,000; spoke about the implementation of the EMS 911 Response fee that had passed two years ago and never got implemented and estimated that would generate about a quarter of a million collecting from insurance companies.

City Manager Witzansky interjected and reported they will be bringing back the implementation contract to Council in the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Obagi continued to BRR #38, which is flags replacement at International Boardwalk; spoke of it being the option to keep flags around for 18 months with a stash to replace them every 18 months or so; moved to BRR 40, which is adding meters to Herondo, reported it would have a one-time cost of \$54,873, ongoing expenses of \$13,653, and conservative revenue from just 25% utilization for three quarters of the year at \$109,000; reported that would bring the fund balance back up to \$245,000; asked the City Manager to speak about the traffic leaving Herondo.

City Manager Witzansky said he has some thoughts but planned to work with Public Works Director Winje more on the concept to present to City Council next Tuesday; mentioned the idea, which is referenced in the BRR, is to try to improve the throughput particularly in the summer months and busy weekends and without eliminating parking spaces; spoke more about the funding of the project.

Discussion followed between the Mayor and City Manager regarding the metering of the area, the need to follow the City's approved resolution program, jurisdictional authorization, elimination of parking, etc.

Mayor Light pointed out the City is losing revenue because of the free parking available.

Councilmember Obagi suggested for BRR 51, since they are doing a new City flag that they should also create new banners that say Redondo Beach on them and procure services from their vendor; noted his support for allocating additional overtime hours to Public Works because the trash cans on the Esplanade and elsewhere around the City get filled up; stated those are their initial thoughts and it leaves \$141,000 and change.

More discussion followed.

Mayor Light voiced his appreciation to Councilmembers Obagi and Behrendt for sitting down with all the department heads; stated he is supportive of all the things that bring in more revenue and some of those critical things that he highlighted; wanted to preface that he is nervous about being in a \$3.5 million deficit and noted they should be putting money back into the reserve and not spending; felt they could defer some of the things without any harm.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

Mark Nelson announced there was a contingent of people there from the 500-600 block

of Prospect and Frontage Road; stated the issue is the CIP and noted there were two relevant CIP issues: BRR #3, which is the cost of a sound wall and suggested a K-rail would be another safety option, and BRR #22, which came in as a request for speed cushions and went into more detail regarding the problems and dangers with Prospect/Frontage Road and noted BRR #22 is now essentially the traffic calming budget; returned to BRR #3 and mentioned he had traded notes with Director Winje; noted there are some real math problems with it and went into more detail regarding the design and configuration of the cinder block wall and voiced his concerns.

Darryl Boyd, resident at 521 North Prospect Avenue, mentioned that he and his wife purchased it in April 1993 and described how the area has changed over the years; stated that the City has neglected the upkeep and maintenance of the North Prospect Avenue median and the foliage became diseased and died; trash is thrown out of cars, and it has become a complete eyesore; noted that in June 2024, the City, without any prior notice to the residents, completely stripped away the dead shrubbery which also removed any privacy and sound deflection; stated that the City had no plan and many months went by until he initiated a movement to bring the matter to the City's attention; noted, although some progress has been made, his neighborhood has a major traffic and noise problem as well as privacy issues; reported that the street from Pearl to BCHD traffic signal has become a runway or a drag strip for speeding cars; spoke about the increase over the past five years of bad behavior including the ultra loud exhaust cutouts and backfiring from cars; explained how he is a car guy and loves a healthy sounding car but indicated the situation is unbearable; time ran out and no motion to extend was given.

Julie Hernandez, 611 North Prospect, stated she would pick up where Mr. Boyd left off; voiced her frustration with the lack of action on their street; noted they have no trees and for several years had dead trees; spoke of the disappointment of all her neighbors and they feel ignored, unsafe and neglected; reported that she works for the City of Torrance, worked for the Public Works Department, worked for the Streetscape Department so she is not completely unfamiliar with how things get done in a city; mentioned that they care more about hotel and shopping center development; noted that they are only asking for one city block on one side of the street; hoped they could figure something out.

Anastasia Bonholtzer stated she is a local mortgage broker, member of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, incoming Chair for the Chamber's Member Services and Ambassadors Committee, and serve on boards of both the Chamber and Redondo Beach Rotary Clubs; said she mentioned these not to list credentials but to show how deeply she cares about the City; stated she is here tonight to respectfully request support for the additional fee waivers to help the Chamber continue to host the Super Bowl 10-K; gave some history and background regarding the event; spoke about the event generating revenue for local businesses but that it has become significantly harder to host since costs have risen and requirements have become stricter; reported that it is now \$35,000 to their expenses and as a non-profit it is difficult to absorb; noted that they understand the need for safety and compliance but without additional fee waivers the financial strain threatens the event; asked the Mayor and Council for their support to preserve the long standing Redondo tradition.

Mara Santos, newly elected CEO for the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, requested their consideration for additional fees for Super Bowl 10K; spoke about it being a cherished tradition, promotes wellness and the additional fee waivers would help ensure that the City continues to provide a safe, inclusive and high quality experience for all; noted that the event gives back in meaningful ways such as scholarships for RUHS and supports free business workshops open to all; thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and support.

Mark Hansen mentioned he would be speaking to them on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce as a Board Member and as a King Harbor boater; supported what both Anastasia Bonholtzer and Mara Santos said; spoke in strong support for DP #26 to permanently establish a Harbor Master in the Harbor; stated it makes all the sense in the world to combine those duties with emergency preparedness; spoke positively about Curt Mahoney as Harbor Master; spoke in support of budget response number 38 for an additional economic staff member; mentioned the signature special events and that he is meeting with the principals for the boat parade and a potential new seafarer; voiced his support for the Herondo item.

Wayne Craig (via Zoom), District 1, mentioned discussion of the City Yard came up during the Planning Commission meeting the night before; stated that the Planning Commission discussed whether the City Yard should be added to the Police and Fire Station bond; mentioned it may help with the completion of CIP projects to have a better service yard and spoke about the tough conditions; voiced concern over the crossing guard budget going from \$500,000 to \$644,000 a year; indicated that the costs should be shared with the School District and that a subcommittee was formed to handle this and has been meeting for over a year; felt it would be good to hear if any progress has been made to offset some of those costs.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and two eComments, one opposed and one against but informed the Mayor and Council that they will need to read the comments because they are related to certain projects.

Mayor Light asked when they will talk about signature events.

City Manager Witzansky reported they will get a BRR next week with the level of subsidy that has been provided for each of the events; noted any adjustments to that would require an additional appropriation; listed previous years fee waivers and stated they will have the list for Council as part of the packet next week.

More discussion followed.

Chief Hoffman spoke regarding the security measures for the Super Bowl 10K; stated they are working on securing an elaborate system of barricades that they would be able to use over and over again as opposed to using all the Public Works vehicles; mentioned trying to re-appropriate some Homeland Security grant funding that wasn't expended so they

can buy some of those barricades; noted they are working with other South Bay cities that are going to buy the same barricades so they can partner up for large scale events; spoke about the potential to reduce the cost because of the mechanisms they are putting in place.

Mayor Light mentioned that the Mayor of Hermosa approached him regarding sharing the cost of the barricades.

More discussion followed regarding the cost savings associated with the barricades, the Super Bowl 10K event being a meaningful tradition for the City, and the difficulty to keep those events safe.

Councilmember Obagi asked Mara Santos what amount of waiver the Chamber is seeking.

Mara Santos responded that it is in the \$60,000 range on top of the \$35,000 for security measures.

Councilmember Obagi asked if they have considered reducing the event to a 5K because the cost to protect the 10K course is a lot of the expense.

Mara Santos spoke about the tradition of the event, the incidents that have contributed to the extra costs (ie. 911), and that the City's continued support is requested.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if the attendees Mara Santos reported was 5,000 and Mara Santos responded that it is 5,000 plus.

Councilmember Behrendt asked if they have considered asking for a higher entry fee to offset some of the costs.

Mara Santos stated that they had increased the fees last year and they saw a drop of about 1,000 runners.

Councilmember Obagi asked about the BRR regarding Prospect Avenue.

City Manager Witzansky reported that Operations is working on addressing the median, they are close to having the irrigation sourced and installed and that they have selected the plants.

Public Works Director Winje reported that the taller hedges arrived that day and they are planning work starting Thursday.

Councilmember Obagi asked if they would help with the sound.

Public Works Director Winje responded that they are currently small but eventually would help; reported they are not as large as the oleanders that were there before.

City Manager Witzansky explained that the plant choice was necessary to have a more sustainable solution for longer term; stated that they understand that the residents would like more and sooner and will continue to work on the problem.

Councilmember Obagi stated that this is the first he has heard of the problem and now they can work towards a solution.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported that she and the Mayor have met with residents there and noted there are layers of issues that need to be addressed along that street; stated that the Public Works Commission has weighed in on it and they are working through certain steps; understood it is not being handled quickly enough for the residents.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to continue the item to June 10, 2025.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to take a 10-minute break.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Light called the meeting back to order from the recess 10:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF A TRANSIT OPERATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE BEACH CITIES TRANSIT SYSTEM APPROVE A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PARKING CONCEPTS, INC. DBA TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS TO PROVIDE BEACH CITIES TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE AND WAVE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,754,503 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE

30, 2031

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Community Services Director Hause stated they are presenting staff's recommendation for the service provider for transit operations; introduced Tyron Gunn, Transit Manager, and Dan Boyle, Transportation Consultant, and mentioned that the recommended operator for the City's transit system are all in the audience.

Transit Manager Gunn stated they are there tonight to present the City Transit Contract award for BCT fixed route and WAVE Dial-A-Ride Transit service; presented a PowerPoint, which included:

- Overview
 1. Beach Cities Transit Background
 2. Request for Proposal Evaluation Process – Dan Boyle
 3. Cost Analysis
 4. Recommendation – Transit concepts
- BCT – Fixed Route
 - Fixed Routes – Lines 109 and 102 – 15 Fixed Route CNG Vehicles
 - 20 buses that provide the Fixed-Route services
 - WAVE Dial-A-Ride – tends more to the elderly
- BCT Transit Operations – provided a flow-chart
 - Dispatch and scheduling
 - Vehicle maintenance
 - Management, oversight, and reporting
 - Maintain bus stops
- BCT – RFP Process
 - October 15, 2024 – Council did approve for the Transit Operation and Management RFP
 - November 22, 2024 – 5 people submitted RFPs – 1 disqualified for improper paperwork
 - February 28, 2025 – Bidder interviewed at City Hall
 - Final bidders: Keolis Transit Service, MV Transportation, Transdev Services Inc., and Transportation Concepts

Transit Manager Gunn introduced Dan Boyle and explained he would go over the evaluation process.

Dan Boyle, Dan Boyle & Associates, mentioned he was one of the four evaluators for the scoring of the proposals; noted that Diane Amaya, former RB interim Transit Manager, asked him to participate; stated all four of them read all four of the proposals, met the day before the interviews to organize thoughts and questions, they scored each of the

proposals they read prior to the interviews and after the interviews; provided a slide showing the results of the scorecards and explained the possible points; reported that each of them scored Transportation Concepts as number one, unanimously.

Mayor Light interjected to ask who did the financial viability portion of the chart; questioned the viability of the company chosen since they scored second lowest in viability.

Dan Boyle responded that the City's Finance Department provided those results; mentioned the company chosen is a smaller company and that may affect the viability score and asked that the Finance Department answer that after he is done; mentioned that the City would be the largest client the company chosen would have, which he felt was important; provided a Cost Comparison (6 years) graph and explained that the top ranked firm was also the lowest cost; gave the floor back to Transit Manager Gunn.

Transit Manager Gunn provided the explanation of the Cost Comparison chart for year 1; mentioned that some things stand out and one being the Labor and Fringe; explained that Transportation Concepts put a high volume and a high interest in making sure that they meet the mark of the market, and that they invest in their employees which retains them and keep them coming to work; pointed out that there is no start up cost with Transportation Concepts because they have had the contract for the last 15 years.

Mayor Light asked if transition costs were built into what they saw in the last slide.

Transit Manager Gunn replied yes, it is a combination of everything.

Discussion followed regarding transition costs being removed (noted that Transportation Concepts would still be lower even if the transition costs were removed), it not being reflective of the service you may receive, Transportation Concepts having thin management and whether that is a red flag; highlighted that TC is a small company as opposed to some of the other companies in the RFP, spoke of the requirements of the RFP and that each was evaluated.

Dan Boyle stated what stood out for him was that the General Manager had been with Transportation Concepts for a long time and the other candidates only had about two years with the companies; noted that influenced his choice.

Transit Manager Gunn continued on with the presentation; stated that TC was ranked #1 on combined evaluations and ranked #1 by each evaluator; provided a slide:

- Current Financial Climate
 - Unpredictable
 - Contract provisions to ensure fiscal flexibility
 - Any changes above 25% to service hours, City and Contractor may renegotiate service rate

- Recommendation
 - Award the contract for BCT Fixed-Route & WAVE Dial-A-Ride Transit Services to Transportation Concepts
 - 6 Years for \$29,754,503

Mayor Light asked if they have gotten any indication on what the funding would be for this year.

Transit Manager Gunn said yes, and it is about a 7% to 8% decrease from last year; explained that the funding was extremely high coming out of Covid; stated they crunched the numbers based on the next six years at 10%, and 15%.

More discussion followed regarding the reality of the number; Community Services Director Hause stated they are good for this number.

Councilmember Waller asked if the route adjustments affect the City.

Transit Manager Gunn stated they do not.

Community Services Director Hause asked the Transportation Concepts team to come up and introduce themselves.

David Mueller, President of Parking Concepts and Transportation Concepts, Brett Baum, Project Manager for the contract, and Christopher Lamp, Operations Manager, all introduced themselves.

David Mueller stated they are honored to be recommended for this job; spoke about them being a small company and the other candidates being the big dogs; spoke about the amount of vehicles for the job being in their “sweet spot” and what they are comfortable doing; mentioned that they value their reputation and never want to disappoint their client so they do not take jobs they cannot handle; opined that the big companies can not give the client the attention they can; spoke of serving the City for 15 years and that it is their flagship transportation account and very important to them; mentioned Redondo Beach is their showpiece for references; opined that the owner of the company is very ethical and his concern is to look out for the client and the employees; stated they have developed a good formula and great relationships with Redondo Beach; reported that they are adding management people for this contract and implementing new technology and communication tools.

Mayor Light expressed that he is glad to hear they will be adding more management staff to support the job; felt it all sounded solid.

Councilmember Obagi asked staff if the contract preserves the City’s ability to change lines, and reroute the buses as needed.

Director Hause replied yes, it does because they base it on the number of service hours

and not where the stops are.

David Mueller pointed out that they would be working for the City so what the City wants they will respond to those needs.

Councilmember Obagi added that he has heard from the youth of the community that buses don't go to where they want to go; mentioned they may need to reroute some buses to accommodate that request.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Waller, to award the contract for BCT Fixed-Route and WAVE Dial-A-Ride transit services to Transportation Concepts.

Mayor Light invited public comment.

City Clerk Manzano reported no one online and no eComments for the item.

Mayor Light mentioned this is a "no brainer", existing contractor, the best and lowest price, and great performance.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES 1111 AND 1121 OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD THAT WOULD BAN RESIDENTIAL GAS-FIRED FURNACES AND WATER HEATERS IN THE REGION

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Luke Smude, Assistant to the City Manager, reported this item comes from the South Coast Air Quality Management District; stated they proposed some rule changes to rules 1111 and 1121 that would apply to natural gas fired furnaces and then natural gas fired water heaters; stated their aim is to reduce nitrous oxide emissions in the environment by helping stimulate a move to all electric in homes; noted that he used the word "ban" in his Admin Report but it is not a full out ban on these devices; noted this item was brought to staff to create a resolution or letter taking a policy position and he is there to "tee it up" for the Mayor and Council to discuss whether or not they would like to take a position on it.

Mayor Light stated initially this was to force all new building in 2027 and beyond to use electric furnaces and electric water heaters; said it went further and by 2030, no one can sell gas powered or gas fueled heaters or furnaces to anyone and forcing everybody onto electric as furnaces or water heaters fail; explained what that would mean for the tens of thousands of residents in Redondo Beach and the high cost it would bring; reported that he has been opposed to this from the start and noted that many people complained; mentioned that if manufacturers do not achieve the goals set there will be penalties and

noted that those will be passed down to the consumer or they will just stop selling the units; stated he worked with Luke Smude on a draft for his recommendation and its in the Blue Folder; mentioned he is okay with the new construction having to switch over, but opposed any of their methodology for charging existing ones, and is flexible and can oppose the whole thing.

Councilmember Castle voiced his concern, even for new housing, over affordable housing in California and not only over the purchase price of new construction, but also its operating costs and operating electric furnaces to heat homes; asked to take out the line where it just limits it to new construction.

Councilmember Behrendt stated that he had the same thought of removing that third paragraph; opined it is totally contrary to the mission and goal and actions of their City, which is to promote affordable housing and affordable living; suggested that Holly Mitchell, their County Supervisor, should be copied on the letter to the Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District; recommended to add something in the letter that states they are in favor of affordable housing and are concerned that this could undermine that.

Discussion followed regarding the letter.

City Manager Witzansky recommended they get the letter to as many pertinent people as possible, especially Holly Mitchell's office.

Councilmember Kaluderovic disagreed with eliminating the line suggested by Councilmember Castle; felt it "threads the needle" of achieving the direction of AQMD in creating a more sustainable environment, but also not overburdening all of the housing; stated she supports the letter as written.

Councilmember Waller spoke of having mixed feelings about taking out the red on the letter; mentioned that his house would not be able to support the changes being asked; suggested a compromise of gas fired water heaters because electric water heaters are more efficient; agreed that the costs will be very high for repairs.

Councilmember Obagi mentioned they need to consider that the tariffs being enacted have increased the cost of solar power; said that they are not going greener by moving to electricity plus the City's grid will not be able to handle all the electric cars; felt the policy is not wise and may be more costly going solar.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the letter sans the red, for reasons that were discussed.

Mayor Light wanted some minor wordsmithing to raise the concern of additional operational costs.

Councilmember Behrendt said he is fine with that, and Councilmember Castle seconded

that amended motion.

Mayor Light asked if anyone was online to speak.

City Clerk Manzano reported Wayne Craig.

Wayne Craig, District 1, thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers Obagi and Castle for responding to this issue after he brought it to their attention last month; stated the result of the proposed South Coast Air Quality Management rules 1111 and 1121 will mandate higher costs on consumers at a time no one can afford it; went into detail on the impacts both amended regulations will have on consumers; reported that South Coast Air Quality Management staff developed the proposed regulations behind closed doors without transparency or review; urged the Council to send a letter of opposition to this proposed rule change immediately, as South Coast Air Quality Management District will be voting on this matter within a couple of weeks; suggested to also expedite it to the South Bay Cities COG.

Grace Peng mentioned that she wrote an eComment and that the League of Women Voters also wrote a letter; stated she is the California Energy Team Leader for the League of Women Voters; said she has been studying the issue and has been electrifying her home in Redondo Beach to find out what the market conditions are and contractor availability; stated she upgraded to an electric heat pump heater for a furnace and a/c and she cooks with electricity and is doing it all with a 100 AMP panel; mentioned she asked her electrician if she needed a larger sized panel and he said no and could just install a smart switch on her panel; noted there is a lot of disinformation out there and that the City's community scale grid is actually pretty good; reported she runs the Water and Infrastructure Group monthly series; stated an SCE rep spoke to them and said Redondo Beach's grid is ready and should have no operational issues and contractors are available; noted that Rheem hot water heaters are available and made in the US.

City Clerk Manzano reported that there were two eComments in support.

Motion carried 4-1 by voice vote. Councilmember Kaluderovic was opposed and stated she preferred it as written and not amended.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

City Manager Witzansky stated he would start querying the Council on their July calendars to see if anyone had any conflicts; mentioned that it would be for July 1, 8, and 15; stated there is one week off between their last budget hearing; noted it will be a busy July calendar.

More discussion followed.

City Manager Witzansky announced staff will have strategic plan objectives for the

Council next Tuesday for consideration of adoption.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi for a referral for discussion about the TOT in Redondo and whether they could exempt new hotels from that.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked if that could include the Marine Avenue hotels and update their participation on the tax.

Councilmember Obagi agreed to the amendment and Councilmember Kaluderovic seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

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).

JAMS Arbitration Case Reference No. 5220006179 [Hon. Candace Cooper [Ret.]] Harry Stuver, et. al v. Redondo Beach Police Department and City of Redondo Beach

R.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). Two potential cases

R.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of Case:

**Gornbein, Jennifer vs. City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive
Case Number: 24TRCV03931**

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None

T. ADJOURNMENT – 11:00 p.m.

T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM ALLEN, FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE

City Manager Witzansky spoke highly of Jim Allen, mentioned he worked in the Waterfront Department for many years and left to deal with his illness; stated he was a fighter and will be missed.

Motion by Councilmember Waller, seconded by Councilmember Castle, to adjourn the

meeting at 11:00 p.m. in memory of Jim Allen, former City employee.

Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

The next meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will be an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 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:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk