

To: Redondo Beach Mayor and City Council
From: Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater
Subject: L.2. PROPOSED BUDGET - Preservation of position of Waterfront Director
Date: June 2, 2026

In Decision Package #30, on page 21 of the operating budget, the City Manager proposes the **elimination of the position of Waterfront (and economic development) Director:**

30 Waterfront and Community Services Department Director Reorganization: Responsibility for property management and recreation activities in the waterfront is currently split between the Waterfront and Economic Development (WED) Department and the Community Services Departments, with WED in the lead role. Given the current focus on special events in the harbor area and in centralizing the area's management and oversight, staff recommends combining the Community Services and (currently vacant) WED Director roles, to create a Waterfront Properties and Community Services Director position with oversight over property management, recreation and special events. This organizational change would also shift economic development functions and leadership to the Community Development Department, consistent with the CD Department's focus on customer service and implementation of new commercial development incentives. The reorganization is expected to streamline and clarify waterfront recreation and special event management, align priorities for use of the harbor area, and create cost savings by consolidating two Director-level positions. The Waterfront and Economic Development Department would remain at this time as a stand-alone operating Department, supervised by the new combined Director position. Staff recommends an ongoing net expenditure decrease of \$119,087, including a \$124,650 decrease to the General Fund and a \$5,563 increase to the Transit Fund.

This proposal runs contrary to planning efforts in recent years to revitalize our harbor:

- A working group developed a comprehensive Council-approved Harbor Public Amenities Plan.
- The mayor led an effort to develop a complimentary Harbor Commercial Plan.
- The recently approved Strategic Plan includes numerous Waterfront objectives*.
- An objective has been to compare our harbor management organizational structure to other cities. Various cities incorporate stand-alone harbor departments, as our city has utilized in some past years.
- Previous objectives have included executing a Mole B/Moonstone Park Master Plan.
- The new Public Boat Launch Ramp will bring significant new recreational activity to our harbor.
- The Holiday Boat Parade has significantly expanded to include the harbor business community.

To accomplish these goals, we should preserve our independent Waterfront Director.

*** Strategic Plan Objectives**

Attract a new tenant for the former Gold Gym's site and explore a potential land swap agreement to move property out of the Tidelands Trust.
Advance lease negotiations for the former Fun Factory site and identify a prospective leaseholder/operator for a Waterfront Market Hall.
Provide Boat Launch application coordination with DBW, advance designs, consider Coastal Commission and CDP requirements.
Finalize the design for Phase One of the Seaside Lagoon Reconstruction, complete the CDP application, and advance construction drawings.
Complete the parking study related to adjusting the Local Coastal Program requirements for King Harbor Marina parking.
Review and present to the City Council suggested updates to the City's Municipal Code pertaining to Harbor/Marine safety regulations.
Advance lease negotiations for possible reinvestment in businesses on the Monstad Pier.
Explore opportunities to demolish the existing structure on Joe's Crab Shack site. [City has agreement with Marine Mammal Care Center.]
Provide a status report on efforts to enhance internal and external communications for Waterfront activities and events.
Work with the Harbor and Pier Associations to develop and improve Holiday Events in the Waterfront.
Continue developing plans and activities for the 2026 World Cup and LA28 Olympics and seek input from the Youth Commission.
Seek future funding opportunities for further improvements to the Herondo Open Space area and Seaside Lagoon.

REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026, 6:00 PM

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L.2. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Discuss Budget (Focus on Operations) - Take Testimony - Receive Budget Response Reports
- Continue Public Hearings to June 9 (Capital Budget) and June 16 (Final Adoption)

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Administrative Report

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Budget Response Reports

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Proposed Operating Budget

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Proposed Five-Year Capital Budget

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Boaters and Harbor Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments in support of preserving our independent Waterfront Director.

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