

Minutes Redondo Beach City Council Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m. Open Session – Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

#### 4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

# A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

#### B. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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

# D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to recess to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb and Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park as well as Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden and Outside Legal Counsel Laura Kalty.

It was moved by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote to recess to Closed Session.

Motion carried, 5-0.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:
Mike Witzansky, City Manager

# Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources

#### **EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:**

Redondo Beach Professional and Supervisory Association, Redondo Beach City Employees Association, Teamsters, and Management & Confidential Employees

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

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

The City Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

#### H. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager

# I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky announced there were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

# J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

#### 6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

# A. CALL TO ORDER

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

### B. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager

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

Mayor Brand led in the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

#### D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced the upcoming District 1 community meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Alta Vista and the Riviera Village Holiday Stroll on December 7th.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced a Walk of the Metro C Line by County Supervisor Holly Mitchell on December 16th, the King Harbor Boat Parade on December 9th and a workshop on the new Seaside Lagoon Designs on December 6th.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the South Bay Aerospace Board Meeting and the Cal Cities webinar on new laws impacting cities; discussed the recent District 3 community meeting and announced the next District 3 community meeting will be in January, 2024.

Councilmember Obagi expressed concerns regarding recent news about loaded firearms being taken to the high school; thanked RBPD for responding so responsibly and noted his appreciation to the students who reported the firearms.

Councilmember Behrendt announced the next District 5 community meeting will be on January 4, 2024 at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Mayor Brand spoke about the Seaside Lagoon Public Outreach on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library and commented on the upcoming shutoff of the AES Power Plant.

#### E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve the agenda, as amended, by voice vote to move Item No. N.4. after N.1.

There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

F. AGENCY RECESS – 6:22 p.m.

# F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

**CONTACT:** WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

# F.2. REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY

**CONTACT:** CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

# RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING - 6:39 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote to reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager

#### G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

City Clerk Manzano announced Blue Folder Items for Items No. H.3., related to the October 17, 2023 minutes, for Item No. J.1, N.1, N.2, and N.3.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

There being no objection, Mayor Brand so ordered.

#### H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2023.

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. OCTOBER 3, 2023 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING

**B. OCTOBER 10, 2023 ADJOURNED MEETING** 

C. OCTOBER 17, 2023 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 29445-29482 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,083.75, PD. 11/24/23 DIRECT DEPOSIT 271164-271747 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,179,395.78, PD. 11/24/23

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS
CHECKS 111678-111839 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,362,847.85
EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$417,597.46
DIRECT DEPOSIT 100007804-100007895 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,469.32, PD.12/1/23
REPLACEMENT DEMANDS 111676-111677

**CONTACT:** WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.5. This Item was pulled by Councilmember Behrendt for separate discussion.
- H.6. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.7. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENT #920000000M460209 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE NORTH REDONDO BEACH BIKEWAY (NRBB) EXTENSION - INGLEWOOD AVE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41260 TO EXTEND THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2024

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.8. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENT #920000000MM550813 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORK SYSTEM PROJECT(S), TO EXTEND THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2024

**CONTACT:** TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.9. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-129, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT TO TORO ENTERPRISES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,162,813.75 FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD RESURFACING - AVIATION BOULEVARD TO INGLEWOOD AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41160

**CONTACT:** TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTIOR

H.10. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE EASEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR USE OF A PORTION OF DOMINGUEZ PARK TO PROVIDE FOR FEDERALLY MANDATED PIPELINE INTEGRITY TESTING THROUGH THE COMPANY'S EXISTING PIPELINE MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR AN INITIAL FEE PAID TO THE CITY OF \$156,324 FOR THE TERM JANUARY 2, 2024 TO JULY 31, 2024 AND AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE EASEMENT MONTHLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF FOUR MONTHS FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$44,664 PER MONTH FOR THE FIRST TWO EXTENSIONS AND \$66,996 PER MONTH FOR THE FINAL TWO EXTENSIONS

APPROVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO SCE CONFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF SCG'S USE OF A PORTION OF THE DOG PARK AT DOMINGUEZ PARK, OWNED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) AND LICENSED TO THE CITY THROUGH AGREEMENT, FOR SCG'S FEDERALLY MANDATED PIPELINE INTEGRITY TESTING

**CONTACT:** CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

H.11. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-130, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH REDONDO BEACH TRAVEL & TOURISM (RBTT) TO ADMINISTER THE REDONDO BEACH TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

H.12. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-126, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN ADVISORY BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE RIVIERA VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

RECEIVE AND FILE THE ADVISORY BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-127, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN CONNECTION WITH THE RIVIERA VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-128, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO

LEVY AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST BUSINESSES WITHIN THE RIVIERA VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS THERETO; AND

SET DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

H.13. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC. ADDING ADDITIONAL SCOPE, INCLUDING EXPEDITED BUILDING, GRADING, AND SHORING PLAN CHECK REVIEW SERVICES FOR A COST OF \$37,276, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL TO \$387,362, AND EXTENDING THE TERM TO FEBRUARY 8, 2027

CONTACT: SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

H.14. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2312-131, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE REDONDO BEACH TEAMSTERS, PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL & MEDICAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 911, FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

CONTACT: DIANE STRICKFADEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Councilmember Behrendt pulled Agenda Item No. H.5 for separate discussion.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended and presented, except for Agenda Item No. N.5 which was pulled for separate consideration.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Behrendt abstained.

City Clerk Manzano read titles to Resolutions No. CC-2312-126, CC-2312-127, CC-2312-128, CC-2312-129, CC-2312-130, and CC-2312-131.

- I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS
- H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:
  - 1. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,332 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR ONE (1) YEAR.
  - 2. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER DBA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER FOR THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR ONE (1) YEAR.

- 3. APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY FOR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,749 AND THE TERM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR ONE (1) YEAR.
- 4. APPROVE A SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH AUTO-GRAPHICS, INC. FOR USE OF DIGITAL DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 AND THE TERM DECEMBER 5, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2024.
- 5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO PREPARE THE MOONSTONE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HUD NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) DOCUMENTATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 AND THE TERM DECEMBER 5, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 4, 2025.
- 6. APPROVE A MERCHANT APPLICATION, AGREEMENT AND SERVICE FEES ADDENDUM WITH GLOBAL PAYMENTS DIRECT, INC. FOR A CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF 3% PER TRANSACTION TO BE PAID BY THE CARDHOLDER FOR BUILDING AND ENGINEERING PERMITS AT NO COST TO THE CITY UNTIL TERMINATED.
- 7. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRAD RITTERSPACH FOR MEDIA TRAINING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500 AND THE TERM DECEMBER 5, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2024.

**CONTACT:** WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Councilmember Behrendt announced that he will abstain from voting on this item.

Prior to discussion of Agenda Item H.5, City Clerk Manzano stated that H.5 No. 4, the contract date should be December 4, 2024.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve by voice vote, Agenda Item No. H.5. as amended to indicate that the contract term under H.5, No. 4, goes through December 4, 2024.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion carried, 4-0-0-1. Councilmember Behrendt abstained.

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

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

Tom Bakaly and John Hooper, Beach Cities Health District, mentioned recent incidents at Redondo Beach Union High School; reported the High School will be closed, tomorrow; announced that the Alcove will be open between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and invited the youth and parents in the community to attend.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, encouraged all Councilmembers to promote the upcoming Walk of the C Line hosted by County Supervisor Holly Mitchell and to complete the C Line poll; provided a brief history of the Metro C Line Extension Project and their talking points and spoke about the current ROW options.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to extend Niki Negrete-Mitchell's time by one minute. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell urged Councilmembers to share the information in their newsletters and social media

and discussed the Walk of the C Line hosted by County Supervisor Holly Mitchell on Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Lawndale at 10:00 a.m.

Kevin Mitchell discussed the Walk on December 16th and addressed the need to advocate for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Holly Osborne, District 5, showed the flyer for the Walk on December 16th and discussed the C line extension and mistakes and inconsistencies made by Metro.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Yacht Club, provided additional details regarding the upcoming Boat Parade and related Holiday events.

Clarissa, speaking on behalf of parents in the community, spoke about recent incidents at Redondo Beach Union High School; commended the RBPD for their quick response and talked about ensuring the community works together to prevent this from happening in the future.

Joan Irvine, District 1, Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, spoke about participation in their monthly sweeps and discussed plans for 2024 including engaging groups and sponsors.

Lloyd, District 2, spoke about her and her family's history in Redondo Beach; mentioned the recent incidents at Redondo Beach Union High School and spoke about the need for parents to be aware.

There was no one wishing to speak on Zoom.

Mayor Brand closed this portion of the meeting.

#### K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None

There were no Ex Parte Communications.

#### L. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

There were no Public Hearings at this time.

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

There were no items continued from previous Agendas.

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

# N.1. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT FROM THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING THEIR 2023 CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF THE KING HARBOR BREAKWATER

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City Manager Witzansky provided a general introduction of the item and thanked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their help in moving the project forward.

Public Works Director Semaan introduced the item and Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jim Fields, Blake Horita, Chuck Mesa and Chris Hayward and deferred to City Engineer Andy Winje who invited Chuck Mason to the podium.

Chuck Mesa, Chief of Coastal Engineering, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, narrated a PowerPoint

presentation with details of their 2023 condition assessment of the King Harbor Breakwater including a history of the breakwater structure design, the assessment methodology and team, development of the ratings structure and discussed the planned 2024 repair.

Discussion followed regarding the timeline for repairs, the capability of the current structure to prevent another catastrophic failure and the breakwater near Mole A.

Jim Fields, Chief of the Navigation Section, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, reported that because of the improvements that were made, the City has taken responsibility for that area of the breakwater (from the Galveston Wall to the Shore).

City Manager Witzansky discussed the repairs planned for that area of the breakwater and noted the City is contributing to the project holistically, through the dredging effort that will occur this spring and summer and the City is planning to do the repairs as part of the Corps effort with the rest of the breakwater.

Councilmember Behrendt left briefly at 7:12 p.m. and returned at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Brand spoke about the breakwater dropping off and not being completed because the Army Corps of Engineers ran out of money in the 1980s and reported he heard that \$10 million was not going to be enough to complete the repairs.

Mr. Mesa explained the statement that they ran out of money was a joke; discussed the extension of the south breakwater; noted they did not need to raise that portion of the breakwater and reported they are repairing the north end of the breakwater as well.

In response to Mayor Brand's question, Mr. Mesa discussed improvements in the whole system from 1988 and stated they are confident that the system has resiliency.

Mayor Brand left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Kaluderovic briefly left the dais at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein officiated the rest of the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the damage done to the King Harbor Yacht Club parking lot, the total funding received for this project, returning the breakwater to its original condition, consideration of the national benefits, mitigating damages to the parking lot and finding economies of scale.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited RBFD Fire Chief Patrick Butler to the podium for a presentation.

RBFD Fire Chief Butler and Division Chief Jason May narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the King Harbor Inclement Weather Contingency Plans.

Councilmember Kaluderovic returned at 7:37 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding resources in the harbor, the Boat Boomer, the CERT program, disaster management training for City employees, the Community Relief Fund and the Harbor Patrol relationship with the close-knit live-aboard community.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Mark Hanson, King Harbor Boater, spoke favorably about this item; noted that the Harbor Commission has repeatedly reviewed the recommendation to look at further extending the south side of the breakwater to

protect Basin 3; commented on the limited amount of money in the Tidelands Fund and urged City Council to give the raising of the north and south end of the breakwater, serious consideration.

Roger Carlson, District 3 and Member of the Harbor Commission, thanked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; noted the Harbor Commission will discuss this matter at its upcoming meeting; expressed concerns that the South Bay Alert (Nixel) does not work as well as it used to; talked about preparing other parts of the harbor for storms and suggested walking the docks to determine what conditions things are in.

RBFD Fire Chief Butler addressed access to the Alert system; noted the need to subscribe to Alert South Bay to receive alerts and offered to promote access to the service.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2023 Condition Assessment of the King Harbor Breakwater. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

City Council skipped to Item No. N.4. at this point.

# N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO ENFORCE SAFE E-BIKE USE, FORMING A CITY E-BIKE TASK FORCE, AND APPROVAL OF A LETTER SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 530

**CONTACT:** JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

RBPD Chief Hoffman introduced RBPD Captain Fizulich and Lieutenant Cory King who narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report regarding eBike education and enforcement, formation of a City eBike Task Force and asking Council to approve a letter of support regarding AB 530.

City Manager Witzansky added there is no obligation to direct staff to form a task force; spoke about balancing the City resources and commitments and addressed options available to Council including continuing to have the Police Department lead the eBike effort and suggested that if Council would like to form a task force, that it not be a Brown Act body. Additionally, he presented options regarding the letter of support for AB 530.

RBPD Chief Hoffman talked about getting public input and letting the public know the City wants their ideas and the importance of creating awareness.

Discussion followed regarding having representation from the South Bay Bicycle Coalition in the task force, developing partnerships and relationships with other agencies, the possibility of setting up a training requirement in connection with violation citations/infractions where fees can be reduced or waived, fees set by the courts, the need for a balance between citation enforcement and warning cites, having to work with the courts to develop a diversion program and encouraging good behavior and the safe operation of eBikes.

Councilmember Behrendt commented on how the efforts of the RBPD regarding eBike safety has made a big difference in the City; spoke in support of a community meeting format versus setting up a task force to get resident feedback as to what they would like to see; suggested that Chief Hoffman return with a report within six months including feedback from residents regarding AB 530.

RBPD Chief Hoffman spoke about possible in-person meetings in North and South Redondo and agreed to work with residents and stakeholders and return to City Council within six months.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked for RBPD efforts in the Esplanade, offered an opportunity at the upcoming District 1 community meeting; advocated for enforcement and spoke in support of continuing RBPD efforts and getting input from residents.

City Manager Witzansky discussed cost-effective ways of continuing enforcement efforts.

In terms of AB 530, Councilmember Nehrenheim stated it has been gutted out; discussed the issues remaining under it; felt the City should not get involved at this point and spoke in support of continuing education and enforcement efforts as well as public input.

RBPD Chief Hoffman spoke about being strategic in deciding where to deploy resources and existing eBike safety videos.

Councilmember Obagi acknowledged the education but stated there is nothing taking account of whether or not the user has been educated and asserted that residents are demanding the City to address this issue.

Discussion followed regarding keeping record of the number of eBike accidents within a given period and getting information regarding eBike related accidents.

Councilmember Obagi expressed support for continuing education and enforcement efforts as well as increased public input and submitting a letter of support for AB 530.

Councilmember Kaluderovic asked to be advised of community meetings so that Councilmembers can do their own outreach through District meetings and social media; expressed support for getting local students involved and felt that if they are part of the solution, there would be increased involvement.

Discussion followed regarding working with PTAs and getting increased parent involvement, engaging eBike manufacturers and vendors and determining an age requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Laura Emdee spoke about Redondo Beach being a creative City; reported the South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC) has a bicycle traffic school where parents are encouraged to attend along with their children and is available through <a href="www.sbbcplus.org">www.sbbcplus.org</a> and discussed partnering with the SBBC in future efforts. In reply to questions from Council, she reported it is not just about eBikes, but safety for pedestrians as well; stated the Coalition is looking into starting the program back up and explained it would be considered as part of a court's diversion program.

City Attorney Webb stated it was a court-approved program for adults; offered to speak with the presiding judge to see if it can be renewed and reported that all youth-related traffic citations go through the City of Los Angeles and that currently, there is no input into that system.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein spoke in support of the idea.

City Manager Witzansky reported staff will continue to partner with stakeholders on this item.

RBPD Chief Hoffman noted the diversion program needs to be a component of the adjudication process.

Deborah Hofreiter, SBBC, shared a story illustrating the importance of eBike safety; spoke in support of a diversion program; noted that teenagers are exempt from consequences and talked about the importance of educating and engaging the entire family.

Josh Rogers thanked City Council for addressing this item; shared recent incidents involving eBikes; asked about the law regarding eBikes on sidewalks and suggested going to middle/high schools and Scout groups and doing eBike safety presentations as well as rewarding good behavior.

Wayne Craig spoke about increased incidents with eBikes and agreed with the continued need for education

and enforcement.

Clarissa spoke about engaging parents and automobile drivers to take responsibility as well as eBike riders.

RBPD Chief Hoffman spoke about the Police Department's continued education and enforcement efforts.

Liam Walsh, District 5, via Zoom, spoke about building infrastructure to provide safe environments for people to bike, drive and walk and discussed protected bike lanes and networks.

Kristina Miller, District 3, via Zoom, addressed the importance of educating children and parents about eBike use and safety; suggested direct contacts with the schools; spoke about traffic safety and in support of some sort of permitting/licensing process and suggested investing in safe infrastructure.

Grace Peng, via Zoom, spoke about witnessing bad behavior on the part of motorists and cyclists as well as oblivious dog walkers; discussed infrastructure improvements that could be undertaken such as protected bike lanes; suggested implementing a "bike bus" and suggested breaking up the community meetings into smaller groups and have them brainstorm ideas and present their findings to larger groups.

Brianna Egan, via Zoom, spoke in support of eBike safety and the City's efforts to protect its residents; shared why a task force would be helpful; suggested taking a broader approach by including infrastructure along with education and enforcement and commented on the use of protected bike lanes.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving one eComment in support of the item.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, by voice vote, to receive and file the report and direct the RBPD to increase enforcement of eBike safety rules and engage with the community and stakeholders for increased education and input, monitor AB 530 and report back to City Council with six months and direct the City Attorney to work with the court regarding an eBike safety diversion program.

Motion carried,5-0.

Councilmember Obagi briefly left the meeting.

# N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DRAFT TRANSIT SERVICES STUDY REPORT FOR THE BEACH CITIES TRANSIT SYSTEM

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Transit Manager Joyce Rooney introduced representatives Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Draft Transit Services Study Report for the Beach Cities Transit System.

Ian Lowell, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. continued with the presentation discussed community engagement, a survey, results of the survey, ridership and recommendations for various lines.

Discussion followed regarding the desire for an east/west line to the beach and the Manhattan Beach mobility plan providing service along Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Lowell presented a summary of the Service Plan.

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Analee Castillo, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., via Zoom, addressed compliance with zero emissions regulations, the planning process, approval of battery-electric buses and the fleet replacement plan

Will Todd, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. via Zoom, discussed infrastructure and facility needs; addressed the results of a programming study, operations and maintenance facility site plan and additional space for the pallet shelter program.

Mr. Lowell continued with the presentation discussing future planning and design needs and operation cost estimates for the service plan.

Transit Manager Rooney addressed potential funding sources; spoke about local match programs and other grant opportunities and State program.

Councilmember Nehrenheim addressed proposed changes to Line 102 and suggested increased education regarding the changes.

Councilmember Behrendt commented on operations and costs estimates and whether it includes a comparative analysis of costs to related to electric vehicle charging rates and commented on capital grants, not operations funding.

City Manager Webb reported each of the recommendations will be separately evaluated on a case-by-case basis with availability of capital and operational resources at the time of the decision.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported residents have requested adding a pick up at Adams Middle School when school lets out.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Leo Lloyd commented on the proposed changes; spoke in support of the C line extension and increased access to South Redondo Beach and offered to help, if needed.

Liam Walsh, via Zoom, District 5, spoke in support of the additional route to Manhattan Beach Pier and the Hawthorne Boulevard alignment for the Metro C line extension project.

City Clerk Manzano reported there were four eComments received, three in support of the item and one neutral.

There were no Zoom or other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, by voice vote, to receive and file the report and direct staff to move forward with further studies.

Motion carried, 4-0. Councilmember Obagi was absent during the vote.

City Council skipped to Item No. N.5. at this point in the meeting.

N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF ALL WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF CLARK LANE & GOODMAN AVENUE AND CLARK LANE & STANFORD AVENUE

# CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

This Agenda Item N.4 was discussed after N.1, earlier in the meeting.

Public Works Director Semaan introduced the item, noted additional under Blue Folder Items and deferred to staff for a presentation.

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

Traffic Engineer Ryan Liu narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this item.

Josh Rogers, District 4, noted the intersections are on a hill; spoke about people consistently running those stop signs; referenced a video he submitted of someone running a stop at the location; discussed four-way stops installed at other intersections (not on a hill) and spoke about the survey and how long it has taken to address this.

In response to Councilmember Obagi's question, City Engineer Winje addressed the survey and assessment methodology; discussed evaluating positives and negatives and stated that the "noes" on a survey can now be tracked.

Councilmember Obagi stated there is more enthusiasm for a four-way stop at Stanford Avenue than there is at Goodman and proposed approving the Clark Lane and Stanford Avenue intersection.

Josh Rogers stated that Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue is where there have been the most accidents, over the years.

Jody Hom, 1214 Stanford Avenue, spoke in favor of installing a four-way stop at Clark Lane and Stanford and felt it would be beneficial to install one at Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue for added public safety.

Kristin Ruds, Clark Lane resident, agreed with Mr. Rogers, noting that most accidents are on Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue.

Wendy Vardeman, Clark Lane resident, expressed support for installing four-way stops at both intersections.

Beth Ann Ulloa, District 4, via Zoom, Clark Lane and Stanford Avenue resident, expressed support for installing four-way stops at both intersections.

Bryan Betts, via Zoom, Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue resident, opposed installing a four-way stop at Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue and opined none of the criteria warranted a four-way stop wondered what Council would be relying on in order to support the installation of four-way stops at those intersections.

City Clerk Manzano announced receiving three eComments in opposition to the item.

Traffic Engineer Liu reported one eComment was opposed to Stanford Avenue and Clark Lane, another was neutral, and the other was opposed to Goodman Avenue and Clark Lane.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi noted District 4 is the densest district in the City; spoke about families with children living in the district; addressed improvements in the quality of life of residents and reported the number one

thing residents thank him for is the addition of stop signs at specific intersections.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve the installation of all-way stop signs at Clark Lane and Stanford Avenue and Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue.

Councilmember Kaluderovic commented on the need to consider how policies are made and spoke about remaining consistent in applying them.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve the installation of all-way stop signs at Clark Lane and Stanford Avenue and Clark Lane and Goodman Avenue.

There was no one wishing to speak on this item.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Lowenstein

NOES: Kaluderovic

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

# **RECESS/RECONVENE**

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to recess at 8:35 p.m. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

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

Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Mike Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager

City Council returned to consider Item No. N.2. now.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE AVENUE, TWELFTH EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

CONTACT: SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Kaluderovic left the dais at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Acting Community Development Director Scully presented details of the Administrative Report; discussed

progress to date and addressed the additional extension.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about the ramp; addressed the project area, design, the plant palette, and estimated costs.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the appellant process.

Leo Lloyd spoke in support of the project and on ADA access.

There were no other public comments.

Councilmember Nehrenheim recommended and directed staff to request plastic ADA accessible mats that go over the sand on the beach, same as other beaches.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to receive and file the report by voice vote.

Motion carried, 3-0-1. Councilmember Obagi and Councilmember Kaluderovic were absent.

#### O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Witzansky commented favorably on the RBPD response to recent incidents at Redondo Beach Union High School and the City will work closely with the School District and announced receipt of the APWA 2023 Project of the Year Award.

#### P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None

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

Councilmember Kaluderovic returned to the dais at approximately 10:52 p.m.

Councilmember Nehrenheim was following up on previous items that he asked about, such as the status of updating the ordinance at Riviera Village so that no notaries are permitted on ground-level floors, the short-term rental issue, cannabis and the tree ordinance.

#### R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - None

There was no Closed Session at this time.

#### S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT - None

#### T. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m., to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried,4-0-1. Councilmember Obagi was absent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Eleanor Manzano, CMC City Clerk