



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Open Session –Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

##### **A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

##### **B. ROLL CALL**

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

Officials Present: 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**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported there were no public comments on Closed Session and Non-Agenda Items.

##### **F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:34 p.m.**

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote to recess to Closed Session at 4:34 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park and Outside Legal Counsels Jon Welner and Timothy McKeon.

Motion carried, 5-0.

##### **F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER/EVALUATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54957(b).**

**Title: City Manager**

##### **F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is**

authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

**Name of case:**

**City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board  
Case Number: 20STCP03193**

- 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:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach  
Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

- F.4. 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:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.  
Case Number: 23STCP00426**

- F.5. 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:**

**New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive  
Case Number: 23STCV10146**

- F.6. 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:**

**9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive  
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- F.7. 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:**

**In re 9300 Wilshire LLC  
Bankruptcy C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

- F.8. 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:**

**Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive**

**Case Number: 23TRCP00325**

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

**H. ROLL CALL**

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

Officials Present: Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

There were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

**J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein recessed to the Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**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 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Officials Present: Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein led in the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence in honor of Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand.

**D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about attending the ICA's Winter Seminar; reported the District 1 community meeting was rescheduled to February 24, 2024 at the Veterans Park Senior Center and announced the upcoming free dog vaccination and microchipping event by the Friends of the Dog Park. He thanked everyone that has reached out to him in response to the recent passing of Mayor Brand; spoke about his service, work and passion for the City and expressed his appreciation for the outpouring of support from the community.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about knowing Mayor Brand for a short time but noted that during that time, his love for the City was made clear and expressed her condolences to his family, friends and

anyone he inspired.

Councilmember Obagi expressed his sadness at the loss of Mayor Brand and noted he was a strong supporter of District 4 and of him, personally.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about Mayor Brand's strong activism, great integrity and consistency and noted he will have a lasting influence on him.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein announced the District 2 community meeting will be held February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein read a statement from County Supervisor Holly Mitchell regarding Mayor Bill Brand's legacy and lasting impact on his beloved City and expressing her condolences.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein commented on the outpouring of support from the community in response to the passing of Mayor Brand; shared his experience meeting and knowing him; noted the City owes him a debt of gratitude for his activism and work and reported the City hopes to honor him in the coming weeks.

**E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Behrendt requested moving Item No. P.2 to before Item N.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to approve the order of the agenda, as amended, moving Agenda Item No. P.2, to immediately before Agenda Item N.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**F. AGENCY RECESS – None**

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

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported Blue Folder Items include materials for Agenda Items J.1, H.3, and N.1.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

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

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**H.4. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**H.5. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2402-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO UPDATE THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**CONTACT:** DIANE STRICKFADEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**H.6. APPROVE AN ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 AND THE TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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

**H.7. APPROVE A MODIFIED AGREEMENT WITH PLAYCORE WISCONSIN INC., DBA GAMETIME, FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR THE DOMINGUEZ PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, JOB NO. 30730, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$531,543**

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

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar in its entirety, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-2402-007.

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

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

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

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about how she will remember Mayor Bill Brand; called on Councilmembers to denounce any divisive rhetoric they may hear; addressed how he encouraged her advocacy regarding the Metro C Line Extension project and in Mayor Brand's spirit hoped everyone will work for a more united Redondo.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, spoke about Mayor Brand's visit to his home to speak with a small group of neighbors; addressed his activism and advocacy regarding the C Line Extension and the AES plant and

talked about being stewards of the ROW.

Wayne Craig spoke about the loss of a great leader, friend and tireless advocate for the City of Redondo Beach; addressed Mayor Brand's love for the City and the community and noted he will be remembered and missed.

Andy, Torrance, expressed his condolences on the passing of Mayor Brand and asked that the City maintain the individual public comment time to 3 minutes and that it continue to allow public comment for Consent Items.

Rita Lloyd, District 2, spoke about calling Mayor Brand a friend; expressed her condolences on his passing; talked about Mayor Brand inspiring her towards activism.

**K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

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

The City Council discussed Agenda Item No. P.2 as approved under Agenda Item No. E.

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

**N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A REDESIGNED CITY LOGO**

**CONTACT:** ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant to the City Manager Hause narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein thanked Redesign Committee Members for their work on the project.

Councilmember Obagi commented on the gradient samples as the most attractive.

Councilmember Behrendt commended members of the Committee for their work; spoke about receiving feedback from people wanting a new logo; stated he is in favor of Option 2 and supported getting more feedback from the public.

Councilmember Kaluderovic spoke about feedback she received at the District 3 community meeting and Redondo Union High School; commented on available color options; noted that image is subjective but asserted the function of the logo should be objective and reported many questioned the City spending money on this.

Councilmember Nehrenheim felt people are interested in seeing other options; spoke about the possibility of decreasing costs and agreed with Councilmember Behrendt regarding getting more feedback from the public as they will need to buy into it.

Councilmember Behrendt suggested following the Hermosa Beach model and determining additional costs before proceeding.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the need to have someone facilitate the process and suggested continuing to have expertise to guide the process.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke in favor of continuing the effort but not spending \$1.5 million to do so.

Discussion followed regarding issues and challenges with the Hermosa Beach model and use of the logo and City seal.

RBPD Chief Hoffman addressed use of the City seal on badges and patches and reported no one else can use the City seal, it cannot be reproduced, and it is a symbol of the Police Department's authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this item.

Brad Waller reported he was on the Redondo Beach Union High School Board when they did a logo redesign; spoke in support of the project; commented favorably on the consultant's presentation; suggested that additional input might complicate the process and agreed to taking a phased approach.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about the examples presented; mentioned she would like to see examples of other elements and agreed with Councilmembers Behrendt and Nehrenheim regarding seeking additional input.

Todd Dorm spoke the sailboat as the City's logo and about Redondo Beach having a harbor, compared to Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach; opined the current logo is difficult to see; commented favorably on the consultant's designs and mentioned the City could recuperate costs by selling City merchandise.

Jill Klausen felt that to many residents, the sails look like shark fins; mentioned a poll she issued to measure residents' opinion on the logo designs, including the newly proposed logo, and stated only two people voted for it.

Steve Senner, District 5, thanked Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Behrendt for choosing Option 2; spoke about the pier being a key visual symbol and suggested that it be included in the logo.

Commissioner Carmichael, District 5, believed the logo needs an elevator pitch; spoke about the need for some sort of structure; suggested publishing the new logo on electronic messaging first and then proceeding with printing stationery and merchandise. Additionally, he spoke about the importance of knowing what the City intends to accomplish with the new logo.

Orhan Taner spoke about the timing of a logo change reflecting a vision; discussed internal and external audiences; opined the current design fails to include many of the City's symbols; addressed art, culture and education in the City and spoke in support of continuing the matter to obtain additional input from the community.

Jamie Pagliano, District 1, mentioned there was only one logo presented; felt the designer should provide different options; agreed the sails look like shark fins; stated she preferred the round logo as "Redondo" means round and commented on the need for the logo to look good embroidered and on the need for additional community input.

Carissa Gallardo stated she appreciates the simplicity of the logo and hoped it will stay that way; agreed that more options are needed for review and input; commented on other things that represent the City in addition to sailing; mentioned the horseshoe pier makes the Redondo Beach Harbor unique and suggested adding waves.

Andy, Torrance, agreed with prior comments; spoke about adding waves and a blue sky and felt that \$1.5 million could be better spent on other things.

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke about the proposed logo getting mixed reviews; felt the final design is not yet there; commented on the horseshoe pier as unique to the City and agreed with the need for additional concepts and community input.

Scott Elliott, District 3, via Zoom, mentioned the work of the Redesign Committee made up of members from each district; spoke about the City's current branding needing to be unified and consistent, across the City and hoped Council will not continue putting this out to open court, where everyone is an expert.

Nancy Skiba, via Zoom, indicated she was glad to see the mustard color gone; felt the waves do not look like waves; opined it does not say much about Redondo Beach and commented on the concepts proposed by residents who responded to Jill Klausen's survey of her neighborhood.

Lanessa Kneff, via Zoom, mentioned the "old" logo does not represent Redondo Beach either; liked the simplicity of the new, proposed logo and felt it does represent the City.

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported that overall, residents he showed the proposed concepts to were in favor of the logo, except for the mustard color; noted everyone has a different point of view; believed that Council should be united on this topic; expressed concerns regarding this dragging on; specifically favored No. 27; agreed with the need for more community input and recommended continuing this but limiting the time for completion to seven or eight weeks and that City Council return with three or more choices and decide by budget time.

Councilmember Behrendt felt Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein's suggestion is a good compromise; spoke about consultant Small who has been very professional and has invested a lot of time with the community in this process; suggested generating several examples with various features such as the horseshoe pier, the water, sails, the sun, etcetera.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein cautioned against suggesting specific elements noting it may limit people's creativity.

Councilmember Kaluderovic wondered how the City will get people to participate.

Discussion followed regarding opening it up to artists and other professionals to submit concepts and the need to take into account the Redesign Committee's work.

Jordis Small, Consultant, advised that when judging logos, color should be taken out of the equation to ensure the concept works as a logo; asked that City Council judge it from a professional logo standpoint and mentioned that to ignore the recommendations of the Redesign Committee after it has worked hard and long to generate a logo is disheartening.

Councilmember Obagi provided a brief history of the item; mentioned the branding video helped to convince him to support the proposed logo; talked about logos needing to withstand to the test of time and noted his support for the motion.

Discussion followed regarding the need to open to contest to everyone and allowing City Council the chance to screen the submissions.

Councilmember Nehrenheim noted Council does not know who completed the surveys and whether or not they were residents;

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein requested that each Councilmember return with one logo suggestion; felt the

logo should speak for itself and not require watching a presentation and listed the parameters for the design including that it be scalable, simple and reproducible and suggested entrants work together in teams to develop their concepts.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to float a Design Competition, open for six weeks and direct staff to return to City Council the first meeting in May for final design selection.

Councilmember Obagi suggested that each City Councilmember select and bring back one, otherwise there would be too many. Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein agreed.

Consultant Small commented on the concerns of conducting a logo contest and the process.

Councilmember Obagi left briefly at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:48 p.m.

The City Council expressed their concerns and continued discussion regarding engaging the community.

Amended motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by roll call vote, to conduct a Design Competition, open for six weeks, direct each Councilmember to present one preferred logo design from either the proposed logo or additional concepts to be provided under Blue Folder Items at a subsequent meeting, staff will present as a Receive and File item at the last meeting in April, and staff to return to City Council for final selection of the logo at the second meeting in May.

The amended motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

## **RECESS/RECONVENE**

Councilmember Nehrenheim left at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Behrendt, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to call for a 6 minute recess at 7:54 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ENTRYWAY SIGNAGE AT CITY POINTS OF INTEREST**

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

Community Services Director Harding introduced the item; stated it is currently an unfunded project and deferred to staff for a report.

Culture Arts Manager Margolis narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed project; addressed consideration by the Public Arts Commission and discussed potential locations for entryway signs.

Discussion followed regarding coordinating other adjacent cities and ownership of existing structures.

City Manager Witzansky reported that staff has been in conversations with Burlington Northern about maintenance strategies and painting the trellises.

Discussion followed regarding using the art fund for monument signs.

Culture Arts Manager Margolis stated they cannot, as monument signs are commercially produced and would not qualify to be funded through the John Parson's Public Art Fund.

Councilmember Obagi felt that small improvements can be made without spending a lot of money, such as cleaning and painting existing monument signs; spoke about the monument sign on Artesia getting a refresh and requested a BRR with information regarding the costs of maintaining/replacing monument signs.

Councilmember Nehrenheim noted the major gateway sign on PCH could use a refresh and spoke about it being reproduceable and customizable to use in areas such as Riviera Village, the Harbor and North Redondo and suggested refreshing the main monument at PCH and the Chevron Station and Palos Verdes Boulevard and Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes coming into Montana de Oro.

City Manager Witzansky stated staff will expand the BRR to include the proposed concepts and return to Council with information regarding costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Andy, Torrance, spoke about monument signs in Torrance and suggested Redondo Beach consider their designs and save money.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by roll call vote, to create a Master Plan for signage that is customizable for individual areas, including items listed on the agenda, as well as the added locations discussed above.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

## **O. CITY MANAGER ITEM**

City Manager Witzansky thanked Public Works and Public Safety personnel and the Chamber of Commerce for a safe and successful Super Bowl 10K event; noted it has been a challenging few weeks, especially with the loss of Mayor Brand; spoke about his relationship with him, his legacy, his fierce advocacy and his love for the City.

**P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

**P.1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP, LLC**

**CONTACT:** MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb presented details of the Administrative Report; discussed the specific revisions and recommendations; mentioned the scope involved a kick off with a call with the Mayor and that Council may want to change it or wait until it selects a new Mayor and noted they offered two additional services to Council to consider.

Discussion followed regarding the City's standard insurance indemnification as determined by Risk Management and addressing references to the Chair and Subcommittee Chair.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested that references to the Mayor default to the Mayor Pro Tem; spoke about creating consistency throughout Council changeovers and talked about the agreement with Municipal Resource Group, LLC to review the City's employee review process and create consistency for moving forward.

City Treasurer Eugene Solomon addressed potential liabilities including personal injury, defamation, slander, invasion of privacy, cyber liabilities and employment practices liability including third-party discrimination.

City Attorney Webb noted that the current insurance does not have those additional coverages.

City Treasurer Solomon reported they can be purchased and can be part of a vendor's portfolio.

City Attorney Webb noted that the additional coverage is not required by the City.

Councilmember Obagi suggested no over complicating this and recommended moving forward and designating one person, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to be the point person on this contract.

City Attorney Webb suggested stating, Councilmember Todd Loewenstein, rather than Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Andy, Torrance, asked about the contract amount.

Commissioner Carmichael, District 5, spoke about capturing the process, memorializing it and carrying it forward year after year.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by roll call vote, to amend the agreement to replace wording where it says, Mayor and Subcommittee Chair with

“Todd Loewenstein”.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

## **P.2. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

The City Council discussed Agenda Item No. P.2, before Agenda Item No. N.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about Orhan Taner applying to the Public Arts Commission numerous times and commended him for his persistence.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about Mr. Taner continuing to be engaged when Commissioner positions were not available.

Orhan Taner spoke about proposing a project honoring the legacy of Mayor Brand and thanked Council for its support.

Councilmember Obagi talked about being able to work with staff prior to Public Art Commission meetings.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by voice vote, the Mayor’s appointment of Orhan Taner to the Public Art Commission.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Lowenstein returned to Agenda Item No. N.1 and followed the remainder of the agenda, as published.

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

Councilmember Nehrenheim had requests and made a motion.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a BRR on integrating Pulse Point Technology in the City’s 911 and Police and Fire Dispatch Systems including costs and integration capabilities and to have an Agenda Item for discussion for possible action for next week’s meeting, to deem the Mayor’s position vacant and determine the next steps to fill the vacancy.

Motion carried, 4-1. Councilmember Kaluderovic opposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein asked staff to take a look at the light going eastbound on Anita and PCH and signage for parking overnight at Lot 13.

Councilmember Obagi requested adjourning next week's meeting in honor of Late Mayor Bill Brand.

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

- R.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTER/EVALUATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54957(b).**

**Title: City Manager**

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

**Name of case:**

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**Case Number: 20STCP03193**

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- R.4. 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:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.**

**Case Number: 23STCP00426**

- R.5. 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:**

**New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive**

**Case Number: 23STCV10146**

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**Case Number: 23TRCP00325**

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:16 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and was approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 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. (Open Session) on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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:

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Eleanor Manzano, CMC  
City Clerk