



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, April 2, 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 Light in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Melissa Villa, Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Analyst Villa declared there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

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

Analyst Villa reported there were no public comments on Closed Session and Non-Agenda Items.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:35 p.m.

Analyst Villa read title to the 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 4:35 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Outside Legal Counsel Jon Welner, Waterfront and Economic Development Director Greg Kapovich, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden and Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude.

Motion carried, 5-0.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session

is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

239 & 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(a portion of APN: 7503-029-900)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Allen Sanford and Jeff Jones - California Surf Club

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

F.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session
is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

230 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(a portion of APN: 7505-002-932)

NEGOTIATING PARTIES:

Allen Sanford, Sanford Ventures

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

F.3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session
is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Greg Kapovich, Waterfront & Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

Portions of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot and Seaside Lagoon

(Portions of APNs: 7503-029-300 and 7503-033-903)

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Allen Sanford, BeachLife Festival, LLC

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

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:

City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board

Case Number: 20STCP03193

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 and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: 22TRCP00203

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:

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.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:

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.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:

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

Case Number: 23STCP02189

F.9. 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.10. 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

F.11. 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:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation and City of Redondo Beach v. Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as California Attorney General; State of California; and DOES 1 to 100

Los Angeles County Superior Case Number: 21STCP03149

Second Appellate District Court Case Number: B321875

F.12. 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:

George Cooke v. City of Redondo Beach and DOES 1 to 25, inclusive

Case Number: 24TRCV00853

F.13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).

One potential case

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:09 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

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

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky reported that Acting Community Development Director Sean Scully joined Closed Session for Item No. F.4 thru F.10 and for Agenda Item No. F.12, the City Council unanimously, authorized the City Attorney to defend the City in the matter.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote to adjourn Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting.

Motion carried, 5-0.

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 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Melissa Villa, Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Light invited Veterans and Active Military Members to stand and be recognized.

Lorelei Koerner, Freshman, Redondo Union High School Varsity Cheer Team, led in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Light led in a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

D.1. MAYOR'S COMMENDATION TO THE REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GAME DAY CHEER TEAM FOR THEIR 2024 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Light presented the Mayor's commendation to the Redondo Union High School Varsity Game Day Cheer Team for their 2024 National High School Cheerleading Championship win and invited Principal Anthony Bridi and Coaches Lisa Hedspeth and Isabel Cruz to the front.

Principal Bridi accepted the commendation; thanked the City, the Board and Superintendent of Schools Wesley, parents, the school, the community and the athletes.

Coach Hedspeth spoke about the Team's commitment and hard work and thanked everyone involved for their support.

Mayor Light recognized each member of the Team and presented them with commendations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council moved to continue with Agenda Item D – Announcements, after Agenda Item E, Approval of Order of the Agenda.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about attending the Sunset Riviera Little League; acknowledged and commended the Little League at Alta Vista Park noting their successful fundraising efforts for the park and park improvements as well as donating their time; thanked the City Clerk's Office for updates to the City's website and announced the Great Redondo Beach Paddle-out event in honor of Mayor Bill Brand on May 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Councilmember Lowenstein spoke about the recent District 2 community meeting; thanked Mayor Light for being a guest; reported joining Rabbi Yosi Minz at the grounds of the Friendship Campus and commented positively on the project.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities policy meeting and participated in the Environmental Policy meeting and reported there was a great turnout at the recent District 3 and 4 joint community meeting.

Councilmember Obagi indicated he was pleased with the turnout at the recent District 3 and 4 joint community meeting; thanked residents for participating; discussed the recent General Assembly meeting at the SBCCOG and commented on AI being able to translate speech, live.

Councilmember Behrendt spoke about attending the League of California Cities Housing and Economic Development Policy meeting and thanked Artesia City Councilmember Ali Taj and Councilmember Nehrenheim for supporting him; expressed his appreciation to Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto and her Special Assistant Kevin

James for meeting with him about AB 2230 and announced the upcoming District 5 community meeting on May 1, 2024, at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Councilmember Kaluderovic acknowledged young people in the audience and spoke about the City's Youth Commission, noting they can earn a Civic Seal of Engagement on their diplomas and encouraged them to apply.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. G, Blue Folder.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Mayor Light requested reordering the Agenda as follows: Agenda Items No. G, N.3, F, H, N.2, N.1 and P, in that order.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended, in the following order: G, N.3, F, H, N.2, N.1 and P.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. D – Announcements.

F. AGENCY RECESS – 7:40 p.m.

The City Council recessed at 7:40 p.m. to the Community Financing Authority and followed with the Parking Authority meetings.

F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

F.2. PARKING AUTHORITY - REGULAR MEETING - CANCELLED

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Obagi left the Chambers at 7:46 p.m., and returned at 7:47 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING FROM AGENCY MEETINGS – 7:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Nehrenheim briefly left at 7:47 p.m., returned at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Light moved to City Council Agenda Item No. H – Consent Calendar.

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 and listed Blue Folder Items related to Agenda Items No. N.15, G.1 and N.3.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

The City Council moved to Agenda Item No. N.3, per approval of the Order of the Agenda.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 2, 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. PAYROLL DEMANDS

**CHECKS 29661-29677 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,265.46, PD. 3/29/24
DIRECT DEPOSIT 276546-277145 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,183,245.83, PD. 3/29/24**

EFT/ACH \$9,582.09, PD. 1/19/24 (PP2402)

EFT/ACH \$9,321.68, PD. 2/5/24 (PP2403)

EFT/ACH \$433,836.13, PD. 2/12/24 (PP2402)

EFT/ACH \$452,669.86, PD. 2/26/24 (PP2403)

EFT/ACH \$739.14, PD. 3/25/24 (PP2403 CEA ADJ)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 113406-113597 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,878,964.31

EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$455,189.57

**DIRECT DEPOSIT 100008178-100008269 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,141.47,
PD.3/29/24**

REPLACEMENT DEMAND 113405

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR ON CALL PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO APRIL 1, 2028 WITH AUTOMATIC TWO-YEAR RENEWAL.
2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BOWMAN INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS LTD. FOR ON CALL PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO APRIL 1, 2028 WITH AUTOMATIC TWO-YEAR RENEWAL.
3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MELAD AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ON CALL PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO APRIL 1, 2028 WITH AUTOMATIC TWO-YEAR RENEWAL.
4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BPR CONSULTING GROUP LLC FOR ON CALL PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO APRIL 1, 2028 WITH AUTOMATIC TWO-YEAR RENEWAL.
5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERWEST CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR ON CALL PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO APRIL 1, 2028 WITH AUTOMATIC TWO-YEAR RENEWAL.
6. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KOA CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM TORRANCE CIRCLE TO PROSPECT AVENUE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, JOB NO. 41230, AND THE TORRANCE BLVD. & FRANCISCA AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECT, JOB NO. 41070, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$34,995 AND THE EXISTING TERM THROUGH JULY 18, 2024.
7. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR PREPPING AND PAINTING THE EXTERIORS OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD CROSSING AND GRANT AVENUE CROSSING RAIL BRIDGES FOR GRAFFITI ABATEMENT AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ART MURALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500 COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2024 FOR A MONTH-TO-MONTH TERM.
8. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PI ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED

\$7,500 AND THE TERM APRIL 2, 2024 TO AUGUST 31, 2024.

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.7. APPROVE CITY COMMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR NEW TERMS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council set Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. as the deadline for receiving applications (<http://www.redondo.org/commissionapp>) for appointment to City Commissions;
2. That a notice regarding all vacancies be published in the official newspaper of the City of Redondo Beach, posted at City Hall's bulletin board outside near the Council Chambers and on the City's website;
3. That a meeting be scheduled on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants for vacant positions;
4. That Councilmembers submit their recommendations for appointment to the Mayor by Wednesday, July 31, 2024;
5. That the Mayor make Commission appointments at the Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.; and
6. That the City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to new and returning Commissioners at the regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2024 and that the City Clerk schedule a Commissioners' orientation to be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.8. REGRETFULLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER JACQUELINE WARSTADT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO POST A NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.9. APPROVAL OF A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR USE OF THE AVIATION PARK GYMNASIUM FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2027 AT A TOTAL FEE VALUE OF \$391,873 AND AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT THROUGH MARCH 31, 2033

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

H.10. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2404-020 OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND

LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ. OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE DESCRIBING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS AND LANDSCAPING IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.11. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3269-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 4-24.507 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE, MODIFYING THE CITY-WIDE BAN ON LEAF BLOWERS TO ALLOW THE USE OF ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWERS DURING CONSTRUCTION HOURS. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.12. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 F-750 FLATBED TRUCK (CNG) FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISION FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$184,415.75

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.13. RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.14. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2404-021, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 2560 (ALVAREZ) THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE COASTAL ZONE EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE'S DENSITY BONUS LAW

APPROVE THE ATTACHED LETTER OF OPPOSITION FOR SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

H.15. APPROVE THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COVINGTON & BURLING, LLP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND ADD THIS FIRM TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S APPROVED LAW FIRM LIST

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmembers did not pull any Consent Calendar items for separate discussion.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving one neutral eComment regarding Item No. H.11.

There were no other public comments on Consent Calendar items.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolution No. CC-240-020, CC-2404-021 and Ordinance No. 3269-24.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Liza Caso opposed having any Alta Vista tennis court restriped for dual pickleball play; expressed concerns regarding increased noise; discussed the proximity of the courts to her residence and mentioned this is a quality of life issue.

Marc Stratton, M.D., spoke about public housing and using NGOs to force local municipalities to house tax-dependent public citizens such as addicts and the homeless; mentioned the pallet shelter in North Redondo and Project Home Key and opined the City is currently failing to enforce compliance at Sentry Project Home Key in terms of no smoking and no camping.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file Marc Stratton, M.D.'s written comments. There being no opposition, Mayor Light so ordered.

Erick Baer referenced an email sent to Council regarding enforcing no-smoking and anti-camping regulations at Moonstone Park Homeless Shelter; noted that Home Key needs to be no-smoking; spoke about the proximity to residential areas of adults who suffer from acute asthma; referenced the City's No-Smoking ordinance and talked about needing to enforce it.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file Erick Baer's written comments. There being no opposition, Mayor Light so ordered.

Jorge Quintero, Special Representative, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, spoke about tax fraud in the construction industry; discussed upcoming National Tax Fraud Days of Action, a series of events to raise awareness about construction industry tax fraud and thanked Councilmembers Loewenstein and Obagi for their support.

Evelyn Alvarado, Carpenter Apprentice, Local 562, Long Beach, addressed construction industry tax fraud and urged working together to get toxic, bad actor employers out of Redondo Beach.

James Matthews, Western States Regional Carpenters, Local 562, spoke about the harm tax fraud does to working families; noted the predominance of construction industry tax fraud has reached toxic levels and listed the negative impacts of tax fraud to employees and families and announced Tax Awareness Week is April 13 -19, 2024.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, reported the Metro C Line misinformation campaign has begun and itemized the points of misinformation being touted.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, referenced the DEIR regarding the Metro C Line extension project; noted inclusion of inaccurate information; reported the ROW has an active daily freight line hauling liquid petroleum from the Port of Long Beach to the Marathon, Valero and Wilmington refineries and others and is a hazardous materials corridor with significant impacts to the public and the environment and asserted that State legislators and the Metro Board of Directors need to hear from City officials.

Ken Bernstein, District 5, addressed pickleball at Alta Vista Park and encouraged City Council to make its decision based on data and facts.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file Joan Irvine's document submission. There being no opposition, Mayor Light so ordered.

Joan Irvine, District 1, spoke about her Cannabis Education radio show; provided examples of cannabis marketing materials; noted that legal dispensaries require that each product has a Certificate of Analysis; mentioned fentanyl is coming from the illegal market and encouraged people to contact her with questions at JoanIrvineConsulting.com.

Councilmember Loewenstein left the Chambers at 8:14 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, Former Public Arts Commissioner; referenced City Council's approval of money for art in the Artesia corridor; hoped that the City has a vision as to where the art might be placed, what kind of art, etc.; reported the Public Arts Commission is considering hiring a consultant to help with the project; spoke about the possibility of setting up an Art District or gathering point along the Artesia corridor; noted there will be four vacancies upcoming on the Public Arts Commission and announced the upcoming California 101 reception at the Historic Library.

Marie Puterbaugh, District 5, referenced an article in the Easy Reader; spoke in support of the Beach Cities Health District and hoped that City Council will work with them on their project.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Light closed this portion of the meeting.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. N.2.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY 2023-24 MIDYEAR BUDGET REPORT

RECEIVE AND FILE THE FY 2023-24 MIDYEAR BUDGET REPORT

ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2404-022, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

City Manager Witzansky thanked Finance Director Collazo and her team for their work and introduced the item.

Finance Director Collazo narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the FY 2023-24 Midyear Budget Report.

Discussion followed regarding deploying ISF funds to the different departments.

Councilmembers Loewenstein and Nehrenheim thanked staff for providing the information regarding ISF funds.

Finance Director Collazo addressed the recommended Decision Packages related to this item.

City Manager Witzansky presented details of the Budget Calendar.

Mayor Light suggested including the expenditures year-to-date and projected reports.

In reply to Councilmember Loewenstein's question, City Manager Witzansky provided an update on the Marine Avenue Hotel TOT.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced the new Fire Engine in the budget and another that was previously purchased and asked about the effect of the lifespan policy. City Manager Witzansky talked about accelerating the amortization schedule; explained the effect on the ISF of changing the policy; addressed reductions in revenue of EMT fees and noted the approved amendments have been incorporated into the budget document. In addition, City Manager Witzansky explained Fire Department and other overtime

adjustments and corrections (BR1 and BR1a), the self-insurance program, HDL and property tax adjustments, reduced liabilities and the audit report.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he would like to see the Adopted Budget reflecting amendments and adjustments quickly and accurately.

City Manager Witzansky reported the changes are reflected in MUNIS, once the changes directed by Council are posted, but the Budget Book is not published with that information as a separate document. He added that with the new publishing tool that may be something staff can do in the future.

Finance Director Collazo added the Adopted Budget is memorialized, clean and pure, as it is, and then revisions are listed under a separate column that encompass all of the budget amendments that have been approved.

City Manager Witzansky noted that with the new tool, staff will try to publish an adopted version of the line item detail in next year's budget.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Austin Carmichael, District 5, Public Safety Commissioner, spoke about the Commission meeting schedule.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by roll call vote, to receive and file the FY 2023-24 Midyear Budget Report and adjustments and Adopt by 4/5ths vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2404-022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, modifying the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 5-0.

Analyst Villa read title to Resolution No. CC-2404-022.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. O.

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING DRAFTING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXVII OF THE REDONDO BEACH CITY CHARTER CONFIRMING WHICH PROVISIONS ARE PREEMPTED BY STATE LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb asked for direction from Council regarding drafting language to amend the City Charter to clarify which provisions of Article XXVII have been preempted by State law as it pertains to the City's Housing Element process; provided details of the Administrative Report and offered to return at the first meeting in May with the draft language for Council to review.

Mayor Light referenced Measure DD; asked that it include a sunset clause and suggested correcting the typographical error.

Councilmember Obagi began presenting possible language and City Attorney Webb indicated he would prefer not getting into the actual language, at this time and reiterated that at this time, all he needs is Council direction.

Councilmember Obagi noted no opposition to this item.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim's questions, City Attorney Webb confirmed he will include the effective dates for a sunset clause and discussed the timeline and the possibility of a special election.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Kyle Johnson, via Zoom, opposed this going to an election; opined the City should do everything to ensure its Housing Element is compliant and to building more housing in the community and spoke in opposition to holding a special election.

City Attorney Webb confirmed the Housing Element has been certified and as fully compliant.

Mayor Light explained that if this move were supported by the voters, would ensure that the people cannot vote against what HCD has already approved for the City's Housing Element and noted this is aiding compliance with the Housing Element.

Councilmember Lowenstein reported there was a 34% turnout for the City's October special election on a Wednesday and stated special elections draw more people in to vote.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by roll call vote, to direct the City Attorney to draft language for an Article XXVII amendment that would accept from Article XXVII's ambitions housing elements passed by the City Council and enacting legislation so that they do not need to go to a vote of the people and consistent with comments from the Mayor and a sunset clause.

The Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Light returned to Item No. N.1.

N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Winje introduced the item and those in attendance including RBPD Chief Hoffman, Members of the L.A. Air Force Base, and the architect and deferred to Engineer Charles Eder for a report.

Engineer Eder narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the proposed project.

Discussion followed regarding having the ability to drive vehicles onto the range, the possibility of doing a parking study on the site, and the benefits of partnering with the Military.

RBPD Chief Hoffman noted that partnering with the Air Force will provide the City with a state-of-the-art facility with classrooms; felt excited about the potential upgrades to the property and the Parks Department; asserted a facility like that would allow the RBPD to conduct training, without limitations and reported there will be no issues in coordinating a schedule between the different agencies. In terms of costs for operation of the facility, after the build, RBPD Chief Hoffman reported that has not yet been determined, as other decisions need to be made including which facility RBPD will use and commented on the opportunities for grant funding.

City Manager Witzansky stated Council is being asked to flush out the two options presented, to understand the costs of the project, going forward; felt the partnership model is in the City's best interests; noted the need to identify an alternative, supplemental funding source to provide the City's 30% match and reported the City currently does not have the funds needed to advance the project.

RBPD Chief Hoffman reported speaking with the City of Torrance Police Chief about the possibility of sharing facilities and he mentioned it did not work as they had previously tried with the Marshall Service, unsuccessfully; noted Hermosa and Manhattan Beach ranges are too small and asserted that the demand for training is high. RBPD Chief Hoffman commented on the quality of training noting that it allows for providing outstanding service and acts as an incredible recruitment tool.

Mayor Light invited Members of the L.A. Air Force Base to the podium.

Colonel Mia Walsh, Installation Commander, L.A. Air Force Base, and

Lieutenant R. Burton, Security Forces Commander, L.A. Air Force Base, introduced themselves and Colonel Walsh addressed why the Air Force is interested in partnering with Redondo Beach including the bilateral need for a local facility; discussed availability of grant funding for such a partnership; spoke about reaching out to other agencies and the capacity the facility would bring to the area. She reported she will be changing command in the future; thanked the City for its support and especially thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic for her help with housing and for making Military Members feel welcomed.

Lieutenant Burton added that there are limited shooting ranges in the area; spoke about the need for training for proficiency and noted the facility will allow for training around-the-clock and will be a force-multiplier.

In reply to Councilmember Kaluderovic's question, Colonel Walsh addressed opportunities for MOUs with the various partnering agencies to cover operating costs.

Lieutenant Burton addressed the definition of "capacity" in response to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question.

Jack Panichapan, Gillis & Panichapan Architects, addressed the sound attenuation required for indoor ranges.

Councilmember Loewenstein left the Chambers at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m.

City Manager Witzansky reported Council made a specific choice to fund predesign work to look at the options being presented; stated that no formal grant-writing has been done at this point; noted the need to first understand the requirements and whether or not the City has the capacity to fund and meet those obligations.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced the range proposed in the 2017 City Council meeting and spoke about the decreased scope and increased costs of the project.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the 2017 proposal was without Air Force requirements for ancillary offices, storage areas, security and without the City having to rebuild and relocate the Park Services functions.

Public Works Director Winje mentioned increased costs and inflation since 2017; addressed impacts of the pandemic and reported that seven shooting lanes is the military standard.

City Manager Witzansky commented on increased operational costs related to cleaning, utilities and the Range Master and mentioned subsequent MOUs through the partnership agreement to fund those costs.

RBPD Chief Hoffman addressed use of the range; noted case law changes in concealed weapons permits; reported citizen's qualifications are being held at the range and are limiting when the RBPD can use it; noted having to pay Officers overtime on days off to qualify and asserted that with the flexibility of a 24/7 operation, the RBPD will be able to expand the timeframes for training and reduce personnel costs by reducing overtime.

Councilmember Nehrenheim commented on the importance of live-fire training and asked about efforts to use de-escalation, to prevent “suicide-by-cop” and to use non-lethal force versus lethal force.

RBPD Chief Hoffman explained it is called, “less-lethal” versus “non-lethal”; discussed less-lethal options including tasers and scenarios where the Officers engage; addressed the importance of communications training, reinforcing less-lethal options, engaging in on-going training and having an understanding of the law and noted that using a firearm is in the most extreme circumstances but when Officers need to use firearms, they must be confident. In addition, he stated the RBPD would benefit from the joint training that occurs where instructors and Military Personnel could work with City Instructors and Personnel to learn new ideas and get exposed to new concepts.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about the amount of money needed for this project; discussed the need to upgrade Fire Stations; referenced the Strategic Plan and specifically, renovations and replacement of City buildings and replacement of City Center facilities and noted Council has not yet discussed it and needs to; reported the School District is looking at bonding \$389 million and talked about the need to update all of the City’s facilities, including Fire Department facilities that cannot house women. He added that he would not be comfortable spending the money for this project when there are other renovations and replacement of City buildings to be funded.

Councilmember Obagi reported being witness to a call at the Dispatch Center that someone was going to shoot at the firing range and asked whether that is a practice.

RBPD Chief Hoffman reported that is done because it is an open-air range, creates noise in the community and Dispatch as well as the City of Torrance is advised to address incoming calls reporting gunfire and spoke about the training schedule.

Councilmember Obagi opined the current facility is inadequate for the needs of RBPD; did not feel it will serve to attract new Officers and supported moving forward with the Air Force.

City Manager Witzansky explained there is a 30% match that is part of the grant and beyond that, the total costs of the project grow because in order to house the new facility that would meet the Federal requirements, the City has to relocate and rebuild the Park Services function. He added that in both scenarios the City will need to identify roughly \$5 million of capital funds; spoke about generating joint use agreements and felt the facility will support the need of multiple agencies.

Colonel Walsh explained that once the grant papers are signed, construction has to start within one year but noted they would be willing to reapply for the grant, next year, if the City needed more time to produce the funds.

In response to Councilmember Obagi’s question, City Manager Witzansky addressed the possibility of grants to which the City could apply for this project and recommended that the City identify another third-party source of funds to cover its capital expense.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he has always been in favor of equipping Public Safety to the best of the City's abilities, financially; agreed with Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the City's many capital needs; spoke about potentially bonding part of the project and commented on the possibility of finding partners with other municipalities to help with the funding.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about opportunities to fundraise; reported more information will be presented regarding debt service and bonding during budget discussions in May; stated the City has bonding capacity; talked about other strategies to fundraise for capital improvements and revenue and agreed that partnering with other agencies will allow the City to be successful in covering additional operating costs.

Councilmember Loewenstein felt if Council is going to move forward with this it will have to be for next year and stated that long-term, it is a great project, if the City can make it work, financially.

Councilmember Kaluderovic agreed the City has many facilities that need attention; spoke about the grant opportunity and the need to prioritize it; voiced her support of the project and partnership with the Air Force and noted this is a quality of life issue.

Mayor Light invited public comments on this item.

Torrance Councilmember Bridgett Lewis spoke about struggling to find firing ranges to keep up with training; encouraged the City to move forward with the grant opportunity and partnership with the Air Force; voiced support for enclosing the current open-air range next to Towers Elementary School and suggested the City look into Homeland Security grant opportunities as well as infrastructure grants to help upgrade Public Safety facilities.

Alan Klainbaum spoke about the \$5 million covering a new Police station and an underground shooting range; discussed the need for the City to apply resources more evenly and suggested hiring more Patrol Officers.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, spoke in support of the project.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving two eComments on this item, both, against the project.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked Members of the Air Force for participating in the meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file the report.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to direct staff to continue work with the design and engineering, to be ready for next year's application for the grant, in partnership with the Air Force and explore other potential grants such as a Homeland Security Grant as well as other funding sources for the City's 30% match.

Councilmember Loewenstein commented on the predesign work costing a lot of money.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein's question as to how long the design phase will last, City Witzansky reported that to get ready for the grant application, it will take the better part of the next twelve months and by then better cost estimates can be generated and the City will have a better understanding of the partnership opportunities.

Mayor Light spoke about the importance of understanding the environmental impacts including sound attenuation.

Public Works Director Winje confirmed that will be part of the next phase component.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concerns with the money being spent on design, noting that if the City cannot find funding, it would have spent over \$500,000 for something that cannot move forward.

Discussion followed regarding course-correcting during this budget cycle.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the status of refurbishment and replacement of City facilities and City Manager Witzansky noted the need to wait for the information.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about the need for better clarity in terms of where the money will come from to pay the City's match.

In response to Councilmember Obagi's question, City Manager Witzansky explained the money that is currently in the budget would further advance the design of the facility to be grant ready to apply for next year's cycle; noted the motion would allow staff to continue that work; reported an update will be provided during upcoming budget discussions and stated that if viable grant opportunities are identified, the City has an outside grant writer who would help in the process.

Mayor Light called for the vote on the Substitute motion.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, and approved by roll call vote, to direct staff to continue work with the design and engineering, to be ready for next year's application for the grant, in partnership with the Air Force and explore other potential grants such as a Homeland Security Grant as well as other funding sources for the City's 30% match.

The Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi

NOES: Loewenstein, Nehrenheim

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried, 3-2.

Mayor Light returned to Agenda Item No. F – Agency Meetings.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEM

City Manager Witzansky announced the upcoming deadline for the logo brand refresh artist proposals; urged local artists to submit their proposals and spoke about coordinating upcoming strategic planning sessions.

There were no public or City Council comments.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

Mayor Light reported sending an application requesting appointment of Lisa Falk as Harbor Commissioner, replacing his old position.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Lisa Falk to the Harbor Commission.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim reported receiving an email regarding the NRBBA having a Springfest issue with their business license for all their vendors; stated he has been dealing with similar issues for the Farmers Market and the upcoming Summerfest in terms of a new requirement for all of the vendors to get a business license regardless of the length of time they sell.

City Attorney Webb suggested including a review of waivers that have been previously granted.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to add a discussion and possible action item to the next agenda regarding reviewing Municipal Code requirements to create more flexibility in the process to allow for a waiver for special events such as farmers markets, Springfest, and other events including daily business licenses.

Councilmember Kaluderovic offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include a review of waivers that have been previously granted which was accepted by Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Obagi.

Amended Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and carried by voice vote, to add a discussion and possible action item to the City Council agenda of April 23, 2024, regarding reviewing Municipal Code requirements to create more flexibility in the process to allow for a waiver for special events such as farmers markets, Springfest and other events including daily business licenses and include a review of waivers that have been previously granted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Nehrenheim requested follow up information from an August referral regarding the status of updating the Tree Ordinance, Riviera Village notary services, and creating a co-living ordinance.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked for a discussion regarding celebrations for Juneteenth to be placed on the April 23, 2024, City Council agenda.

Councilmember Obagi asked about a strategic item referral regarding teen activities and asked for an update on the item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and carried by voice vote, to add a discussion and possible action regarding an update regarding what teen centers are operating in the City, what activities are being offered, how are they being used, and an update and status of senior meals, and discussion and possible action of teaching sports and providing programs at the park.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and carried by voice vote, to add a discussion and possible action regarding decriminalizing psilocybin mushrooms in the City of Redondo Beach.

Motion carried 4-1. Councilmember Behrendt opposed the motion.

This matter can be presented to the City Council in May 2024 and Councilmember Obagi will email the City Manager with a group to invite.

Mayor Light mentioned unfilled positions in commissions and boards and requested City Council make a referral for Mayor to work with the City Manager to develop recommendations for restructuring commissions to reduce overlap and to address those commissions and boards that are not staffed.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and carried by voice vote, to direct the Mayor to work with the City Manager to develop recommendations for restructuring commissions to reduce overlap and to address those commissions and boards that are not staffed.

Motion carried, 5-0.

- R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - NONE**
- S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - NONE**
- T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:00 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 10:00 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, April 9, 2024, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried, 5-0.

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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