

# City Council on 2021-09-07 6:00 PM - VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Time: 09-07-21 18:00

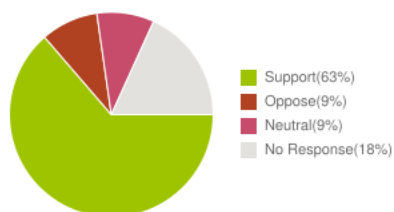
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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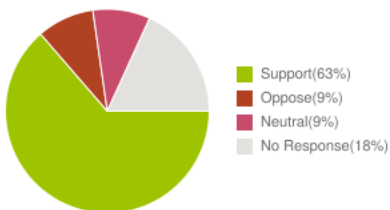
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F.4. 21-2976 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).  Title: City Manager	1	0	0	0
H.16. 21-2955 APPROVE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HERONDO STREET AND MONTEREY BOULEVARD	3	3	0	0
H.23. 21-2855 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING HABITAT RESTORATION AT HOPKINS WILDERNESS PARK	3	2	1	0
N.2. 21-2963 RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE RECENT AWARD OF \$10 MILLION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PARTIALLY FUND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEASIDE LAGOON  PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF RECREATION AND AQUATICS ENGINEERING FIRMS TO PREPARE VISIONING AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SEASIDE LAGOON  PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE HARBOR COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO RESTORE THE \$500,000 OF MOONSTONE PARK PROJECT FUNDING THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SEASIDE LAGOON RECONSTRUCITON PROJECT AS PART OF THE FY 21-22 BUDGET ADOPTION MOTION	2	1	0	0
P.2. 21-2930 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE UNDER THE BROWN ACT	1	1	0	0
R. CLOSED SESSION	1	0	0	1

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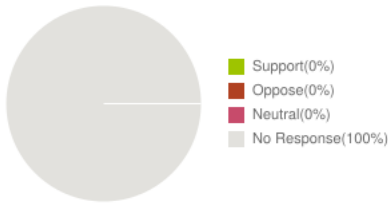
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Title: City Manager

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### Steve Goldstein

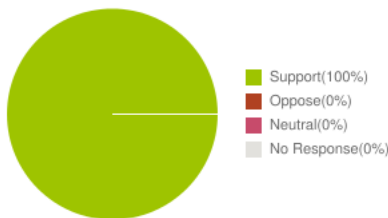
Location:

Submitted At: 3:29pm 09-07-21

With the 20th Anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy coming this Saturday, I would like to remind everybody listening that we do have the 9-11 Memorial in front of City Hall, built by the Leadership Redondo Class of 2007 (including myself and Mike Witzanski and 20 other great folks). Unveiled in September 2008, the Memorial is built using actual steel girders from the World Trade Center Towers, gifted to the City by the New York Fire Department to thank the members of our own Redondo Beach Fire Department who went to New York to help the other first responders there. The gift of these artifacts was donated with the proviso that they be made available to the public to see and to touch, and that we use it to tell the story of what occurred on that day. May we never forget.

Agenda Item: eComments for H.16. 21-2955 APPROVE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HERONDO STREET AND MONTEREY BOULEVARD

## Overall Sentiment



### Mike Gray

Location:

Submitted At: 6:04pm 09-07-21

A stop control measure would be appreciated. Thanks for your consideration.

### Luc Imberechts

Location:

Submitted At: 5:21pm 09-07-21

Definitely needed. Some assume there is a stop already creating dangerous confusion. Some use Herondo as a freeway ramp as there is no sign. Poor visibility when coming from Monterey, especially if there is a van parked in the first spot on Herondo NE corner. It is also dangerous for the pedestrians trying to cross Herondo or Monterey at this intersection. It would be a real improvement for all of us. Thank you for your attention.

### Ray Jackson

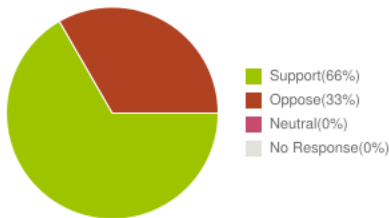
Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 09-07-21

This extremely dangerous intersection requires a stop control measure and your approval would be greatly appreciated by all of us impacted daily by this unsafe intersection. Thank You!!

Agenda Item: eComments for H.23. 21-2855 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING HABITAT RESTORATION AT HOPKINS WILDERNESS PARK

Overall Sentiment



Lezlie Campeggi

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:31pm 09-07-21

Ms. Healy falsely asserts that a Parks & Rec Commissioner is somehow able to use his Commission seat for profit. He's one vote on the Commission; not possible for one person to have empirical control. The Parks & Rec Commission has no governing authority to oversee what takes place at Wilderness Park. For Healy and a few others to insist the City is somehow having the wool pulled over their eyes and lacks protections regarding invoicing and payments for professional services is absurd! The matter is right here, on the City Council agenda, being discussed publicly, with City staff recommendations to ensure transparency, as well as City-approval of the scope of work and costs, establishing a more formalized partnership with SBPC to help maintain Wilderness Park.

The Southbay Parkland Conservancy has not been a covert operation of any kind. They frequently conduct public outreach for volunteerism and publicize their activities. It's disheartening to see the same handful of people who have a personal agenda against the Mayor behave as though something is happening via backroom deals with a non-profit group he co-founded but hasn't participated in personally as a Board Member for quite some time.

A handful of people seem to discredit the City staff and City ability to oversee and partner with the Southbay Parkland Conservancy. And, in listening to Mr. Ted Seamman from the City speak, he stated "it's been a pleasure for the City to work with the SBPC" and they're recommending formalizing the partnership. Not once did the City Manager or City Attorney express what Ms. Healy is asserting in her eComment, that the City needs to bring SBPC "back in line." They're simply memorializing a partnership structure based on the success of the collaboration, working relationship, and results that have benefitted Wilderness Park, the City, our youth groups, and the public enjoyment of this precious resource.

Maggie Healy

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:26pm 09-07-21

Earlier this year, residents alerted the Council to issues with the South Bay Parkland Conservancy: from lack of compliance with tax and disclosure laws, to the SBPC President using his Commission seat for profit. Mayor Brand and Council members Nehrenheim, Lowenstein and Obagi dismissed the residents' concerns and publicly chastised residents who spoke about the lack of transparency and accountability. These men weren't concerned that SBPC was violating the law, or that they were operating in Wilderness Park without an MOU or contract. They were OK leaving the public out of the planning AND leaving the City completely open to liability. They talked a lot about the wonderful volunteerism by SBPC....Until the City Attorney called

attention to the fact that the SBPC was billing the City for work at Wilderness Park for what we now know was \$28,000. This came as a shock to residents since other volunteer organizations don't bill us. And then...a concerned resident alerted the City Manager with evidence that not only was the president of SBPC invoicing the City for work done by his own company, but he used his Recreation and Parks Commission position to promote the funding that he intended to direct to his own company. A clear ethical violation. I'm heartened to see that the City Attorney and City staff are recommending that the Council bring SBPC back in line with the City's' policy for non-profit partnerships. But it lacks protections:

- 1) Will SBPC President Varvarigos be required to step down from his Commission appointment for ethical violations? Will he recuse himself to avoid conflicts of interest and self-dealing? He is a direct beneficiary of this MOU and that doesn't pass the smell test right now.
- 2) Does the MOU permit the City to audit the public donations that come to SBPC for the Wilderness Park Project? Otherwise, I don't see how we can expect transparency given the history here.
- 3) The Park has been heavily peppered by SBPC signs which hinder the natural experience and assign all credit to SBPC. I know there are many fine volunteers with SBPC, but City taxpayers are paying for most of this--- minimize signs and include the City website.

### **mara lang**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:08pm 09-07-21

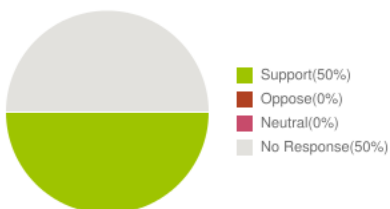
As a long time resident of Redondo Beach and a somewhat new SBPC board member, I am really proud of the work we have done for the community and the relationship we have with the city. When I first joined the board I did not fully understand the importance of native plants, or how it can transform land into habitat. Now that I've seen how planting natives supports local sea birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife, I cannot think of a more important movement than to "re-wild" underutilized city owned parkland, like that at Wilderness Park. If you plant it, they will come. Together with my family we have spent hours at Wilderness Park planting. My husband staked all the new trees in Wilderness Park. The SBPC organization does not just consist of the board members, but their family members, and the volunteers that come out weekend after weekend. The entire organization is excited to formalize our relationship with the city and grow our work. I thank the city for giving SBPC the opportunity to create these important changes in the Redondo Beach.

Agenda Item: eComments for N.2. 21-2963 RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE RECENT AWARD OF \$10 MILLION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PARTIALLY FUND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEASIDE LAGOON

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### Overall Sentiment



### **Moses Ramler**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40pm 09-07-21

We ask City Council for consideration to restore the \$500,000 in Mole B Project Funding, in accordance with the

unanimous recommendation of the Harbor Commission.

The City Council entered a contract with Chevron for temporary use of Mole B, Chevron provided \$2.7M in compensation, earmarked exclusively for the design and construction on Mole B, including enhanced park space and boater facilities.

With the Mole B Master plan being expedited through the Public Amenities Plan, it is appropriate the funds be restored and directed for use to complete a final Mole B plan. The current approved master plan needs to be reviewed, amended and re-costed to budget according to current pricing. The earmarked monies should be available for Mole B as intended by Chevron, showing good will to the partnership with the City.

We Strongly Urge the City Council to restore the \$500K in Mole B Project Funding.

Moses Ramler  
Lanakila Outrigger

**Mark Hansen**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:38pm 09-07-21

I strongly urge the City Council, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Harbor Commission, to restore the \$500,000 in Mole B Project Funding.

The City Council approved the boater-developed Mole B Master Plan in January 2012.

That same year, in consideration for temporary use of Mole B, Chevron provided \$2.7M in compensation, earmarked exclusively for the design and construction of that plan, including enhanced park space and boater facilities.

The boaters invested several years developing the Mole B Master Plan, including drafting the zoning language that was adopted by the City and Coastal Commission.

The boaters Mole B Subcommittee included representatives from the Outrigger Canoe Clubs, the City Sailing Program, boaters at large, and King Harbor Marina.

When Chevron approached the boaters, we supported their project in various ways:

- Strongly promoted all of their community meetings.
- Hosted a Chevron presentation at King Harbor Yacht Club.
- Introduced them to a wide range of harbor and community leaders.
- Calmed down boaters concerned with access to their slips and the harbor.

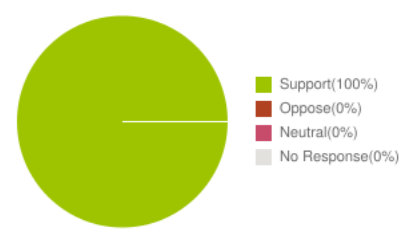
Chevron's support of the Mole B Plan will provide them with continuing good will in the boating and harbor community.

To not honor the original agreement would insult both the hard work of the boating community and the community support intent of Chevron.

I strongly urge the City Council to restore the \$500K in Mole B Project Funding.

Mark Hansen

Overall Sentiment



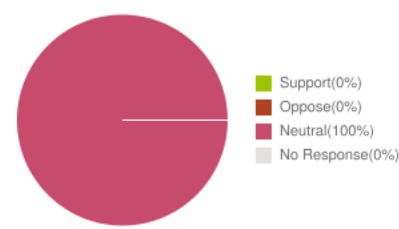
Mark Nelson

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:32pm 09-07-21

Why can't the Mayor have a reasonable accommodation under the federal ADA given his medical limitations.

Agenda Item: eComments for R. CLOSED SESSION

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Mark Nelson

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:58pm 09-07-21

I would really like to know what happened in the negotiation between Bakaly and the City on 200 Harbor (or 300 Harbor since the APN and address didn't match). Was it a lease? A purchase? How does the public ever figure this out?