



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference, an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 4:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	Loewenstein
Officials Present:	Michael Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION – NONE

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS – NONE

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

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment. There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:30 p.m.

F.1. 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:

Michele Purcell v. Table Manners, An Unknown Business Entity, City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: 22STCV10855

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:

Redondo Beach Waterfront, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: BC682833

- 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:

Laura Klein-Del Rosario v. Redondo Beach Unified School District, City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: 22STCV08792

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR -The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

Pulled by staff.

- F.6. 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:

107 W. Torrance Blvd #202, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (a portion of APN: 7505-002-908)

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Monica Quintero, CEO Demi Loon, Inc.

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Emdee, to recess at 4:32 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Greg Kapovich, and Real Estate Advisor Brian Campbell. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi, Mayor Brand

Councilmembers Absent:

Loewenstein, Emdee

Officials Present:

Michael Webb, City Attorney

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Witzansky announced that the City Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to defend the City under Items F.1 and F.4 (Loewenstein absent), and also announced that Outside Legal Counsel Jon Welner was present for Items F2 and F3.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. to a regular meeting. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Via Teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 6:03 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	Loewenstein, Emdee (arrived 7:43 p.m.)
Officials Present:	Michael Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

At the request of Mayor Brand, the audience and Councilmembers rose to salute the flag followed by a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced his Community Meeting last weekend at Alta Vista Community Center, and announced his online Community Meeting taking place on Thursday, April 21, 2022 with the new Police Chief present.

Councilmember Horvath announced his District 3 Community Meeting taking place on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Councilmember Obagi thanked Mayor Brand and Councilmember Nehrenheim for walking with the residents opposing the Metro trains running through the backyards.

Mayor Brand supported the great turnout regarding opposition to the Greenline Extension down the right-of-way next to 400+ neighbors in Redondo Beach. He also announced a service this Easter Sunday in Veterans Park at 8 a.m.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

City Manager Witzansky requested deferring Item N.3 regarding the revision to the City's cap for developer in-lieu park and recreation fees (Quimby Fees).

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve the Order of the Agenda with the exception of Item N.3. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Loewenstein, Emdee

F. AGENCY RECESS - NONE

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file additional Items for Items J.1 and N.5. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2022
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. EXCUSE ABSENCES OF COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SPECTACULARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR A BARGE BASED 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN KING HARBOR

RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION ON THE COST OF A DRONE SHOW
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve Consent Calendar Items H.1 through H.4. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi
NOES: Loewenstein, Emdee
ABSENT: None

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Administrative Specialist Melissa Villa read the comments submitted via eComment by:
Mark Nelson and Ron Maroko.

There being no further comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Nehrenheim disclosed discussions with the public, staff, and Mayor Brand.

Mayor Brand disclosed discussions with the City Manager and Councilmember Nehrenheim.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

PROCEDURES:

- a. **Open Public Hearing and take testimony; and**
- b. **Solicit input on public service grant recommendations and the draft FY 2022-23 Annual Action Plan**
- c. **Continue the Public Hearing to June 7, 2022.**

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to open the Public Hearing. Hearing no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

CDBG Consultant Joyce Lee, Michael Baker International, gave a presentation and discussed the following:

- CDBG description and allocation
- City has completed five year plan
- Expected to receive \$285,916 in CDBG funds
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- Final allocation on May 13, 2022
- Recommend funding for the five public service agencies
- Applications and invitations sent out on January 13 and submitted and due on February 17
- Funding recommendations
- First Public Hearing tonight, second Public Hearing in June for final review and adoption, and submit to HUD June 30, 2022

Mayor Brand asked about dental services for children and families in need. Ms. Lee said this was formerly the South Bay Health Care Center but they merged to Venice Family Clinic.

Anita Zamora, Deputy Director and Chief Operations Officer Venice Family Clinic gave a history on the merger and said they will continue to provide dental care and other comprehensive health care services. She also said their request is focused on behavioral health for families and children.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding public improvement facilities, Ms. Lee explained they did include ADA ramp improvements but can bring back more information to Council on public improvement facilities. She also said ADA improvements for private homes are available by applying for funding. She further said the funding final amount is driven by HUD and reflective of the population.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to continue the Public Hearing to June 7, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Loewenstein, Emdee

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – NONE

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

- N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LEADERSHIP REDONDO CLASS OF 2021 PROJECT TO PROVIDE FAÇADE AND AMENITY UPGRADES TO THE PALLET SHELTER FACILITY LOCATED ON KINGSDALE AVENUE**
CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant To The City Manager Elizabeth Hause gave a report and introduced members of the Leadership Redondo Class of 2021 who reviewed their proposed project:

- Mission Statement
- Project Description
- Project Scope
- Required Approvals
- Project Implementation
- Proposed Timeline
- Fundraising
- Proposed Budget
- Total Fundraising Goal \$15,000
- Assignments before and after Renderings
- Additional Amenities
- Overview of site for reference

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked the Leadership Class for their help and support.

Councilmember Horvath also thanked the Leadership Class for their help and presenting the project.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve the proposed Leadership Redondo Class of 2021 Project to provide façade and amenity upgrades to the Pallet Shelter Facility located on Kingsdale Avenue. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Loewenstein, Emdee

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETURNING TO IN-PERSON COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

**CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER
ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

City Manager Witzansky gave a report and discussed the following:

- Return to first in-person meeting on May 3rd
- Adopt revised Rules of Conduct policy to allow for telecommunicating under certain circumstances in the future based on Council rules

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked if one Council a month could take place remotely. City Manager Witzansky suggested keeping some forum for public exchange under the bill and law but questioned this flexibility.

City Attorney Webb said the issue with the hybrid model requires inviting people into every location and only works if there is an emergency.

City Manager Witzansky said if Council opts to go back to in person May 3rd, everyone would be included.

City Attorney Webb said he will bring back next week Charter sections regarding meetings held at City Hall.

In response to Councilmember Horvath, City Manager Witzansky said a new AB361 would need to be filed regarding going virtual again to meet with an emergency. City Attorney Webb stated it has to do with social distancing and doesn't include masking, which is already recommended. If social distancing is recommended at any time, then the emergency ordinance would be updated every month and go to teleconferencing without traditional Brown Act rules.

In response to Councilmember Horvath regarding modifying the Brown Act to allow for a hybrid virtual type scenario, City Attorney Webb stated the bill sunsets in 2024 and may be changed to provide exceptions such as social distancing recommended by County Health.

City Manager Witzansky also said there has been discussions regarding more permanent changes in the Brown Act that recognizes the new technology available to the public.

Councilmember Obagi supported having ease of public participation, noting it is difficult to join Zoom.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to accept the Rules of Conduct and to restart the in-person meetings May 3, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Loewenstein, Emdee

**N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISION TO THE CITY'S CAP FOR DEVELOPER IN-LIEU PARK AND RECREATION FEES (QUIMBY FEES)
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

This item was removed from the Agenda by staff.

N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S ISSUANCE OF A SECOND EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

**RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Community Development Director Forbes gave a report and update on the Emergency Coastal Development Permit for the temporary closure of the beach access ramp at Esplanade and Avenue A to protect public safety.

In response to Mayor Brand, Community Development Director Forbes estimated approximately one year to complete the work.

Mayor Brand pointed out that the facility is county and falls within the Local Coastal Program, requiring approval from the City for a Coastal Development Permit.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Community Development Director Forbes stated she will provide any conceptual designs that may be available.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file the second extension of the Emergency Coastal Development Permit for the temporary closure of the beach access ramp at Esplanade and Avenue A to protect public safety. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Loewenstein, Emdee

**N.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PARTNERING WITH OHMCONNECT TO BUILD A “VIRTUAL POWER PLANT”.
CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Webb gave a report and discussed the following:

- AES is committed to retiring the Redondo Beach generating station at the end of 2023
- State agency can order AES to extend the Power Plant for a period of time
- Build a virtual power plant partnering with OhmConnect

Mayor Brand gave a history on the power plant.

Leah Goodman, OhmConnect, gave a report on their company and discussed the following:

- Virtual power plant
- RBGS is 834 MW of capacity: it has served the CA grid for more than 60 years
- OhmConnect x Redondo Beach partnership
- OhmConnect impact
- Platform and product experience
- Partnership details
- Save energy. Get paid.
- Efficient, asset-light alternatives: A critical part of the solution
- We get people excited about energy
- Flexibility, reliability, and clean energy solved with the home
- OhmConnect keeps customers engaged during Flex Alerts
- Experience
- OhmConnect customers have a simple automated experience
- OhmConnect platform is engaging and rewarding
- A marketplace built with the customer in mind
- Already integrated with largest tech & appliance companies
- Keys to unlocking enrollment and engagement world class customer experience team

- Create value for Redondo Beach
- What is in it for your customers?
- OhmConnect 2022 Engagement
- OhmConnect Partner Case Study

Councilmember Emdee joined the meeting in progress at 7:43 p.m.

In response to Mayor Brand, Ms. Goodman said they are ready at certain capacities all the time and get paid.

Mayor Brand pointed out that AES Redondo makes money whether they operate or not and can get called upon, and he also noted the power plant is 70 years old and continues to operate.

Councilmember Horvath supported easy accessibility and the process being easy. He also supported a partnership and customers being part of the program regardless of the source of energy the customer is using.

City Attorney Webb stated staff is just looking for direction at this time and OhmConnect will roll out special incentives, coming up with a plan with no cost to the City. He also suggested reaching out to other Councilmembers from other cities and also reaching out to social media.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Nehrenheim pointed out more electricity used will create more of a benefit and supported OhmConnect.

Mayor Brand believed OhmConnect would be very competitive all year long and not just during times of shortages.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to direct staff to team up with OhmConnect to reduce Redondo Beach's electricity consumption, create a "Virtual Power Plant" and educate the residents. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Nehrenheim, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Loewenstein

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Witzansky stated the City received a letter from HCD today and believed there is some level of progress towards a certified housing element which should come back to Council with a scheduled hearing to consider additional changes.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Obagi requested a BRR on the cost of broadcasting community meetings on Zoom.

Mayor Brand and Councilmember Obagi requested a BRR regarding any type of enhancement to crosswalks at important intersections such as at Grant and Aviation.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 P.M.

T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRENDA ANNE ROBINSON, LONG-TIME REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY LEADER.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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 19, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, via teleconference. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk