



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, April 19, 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 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand  
Councilmembers Absent: Nehrenheim  
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:**

George Alexander Lugo, v. City of Redondo Beach, Redondo Beach Police Department, City of Hermosa Beach, Hermosa Beach Police Department, et al.

Case Number: CV22-01826 JAK

**F.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Ted Semaan, Public Works Director

**PROPERTY:**

APN 4082-007-002 and Portion of APN 4082-020-925

**NEGOTIATING PARTY:**

Pacific Crest Cemetery Co., Inc.

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

Both Price and Terms

#### **G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Loewenstein, 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, Public Works Director Ted Semaan, and City Engineer Andy Winje. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

#### **H. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
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 Council unanimously gave direction and authorization to defend the case listed under F.1 and noted Police Chief Joe Hoffman was in attendance.

#### **J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. to a regular meeting. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

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

Via Teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 6:02 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
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 online community meeting taking place this Thursday with Chief Hoffman in attendance and announced Earth Day this weekend.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced the Earth Day celebration this weekend at Wilderness Park and thanked the South Bay Parkland Conservancy for all their work. He also announced the Beach Live Festival, and his District 2 Community Meeting taking place on April 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with special guest Waterfront & Economic Development Director Greg Kapovich.

Mayor Brand also announced the Earth Day celebration taking place this weekend at Wilderness Park.

Councilmember Horvath announced his District 3 Community Meeting taking place this Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. virtually.

Councilmember Obagi announced art and music taking place in the Artesia Plaza on April 23, announced Recreation and Parks Commissioner Jeff Rowe leading a cleanup on Artesia Boulevard on April 30, announced his next Community Meeting taking place on May 5 at the Perry Park Senior Center, and thanked City Manager Witzansky for the signage on Inglewood Avenue south of Artesia stating no commercial vehicle parking.

Councilmember Emdee announced Art Life and also announced the catalytic converter etching event on April 21 at 4 p.m. put on by the Police Department at 200 N. PCH.

Mayor Brand announced the opening of the Historical Museum on April 30 and the 130<sup>th</sup> City's birthday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dominguez Park.

**E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to move Item P.1 immediately after N.2. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

**F. AGENCY RECESS - NONE**

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

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file additional back up materials for Item J.1, N.2, and P.1. 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 19, 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. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:**  
**A. MARCH 1, 2022 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING**  
**B. MARCH 15, 2022 SPECIAL & REGULAR MEETING**  
**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS**  
**CHECKS 28097-28097 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580.11, PD. 4/1/22**  
**DIRECT DEPOSIT 247181-247181 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35.76, PD. 4/1/22**  
**EFT/ACH \$7,557.23, PD. 3/18/22 (PP2206)**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS**  
**CHECKS 103000-103280 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,116,755.64**  
**CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:**  
**1. APPROVE A RESERVIST LOCATION FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND A CHECK-IN CENTER PLAN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-**

**RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR USE OF THE AVIATION GYM DANCE ROOM AND A PORTION OF THE REDONDO BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PARKING LOT FOR THE JUNE 7, 2022 STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM APRIL 19, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 10, 2022.**

**2. PULLED BY STAFF.**

**3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LSC DESTRUCTION LLC FOR FIREARM EVIDENCE DESTRUCTION SERVICES AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM APRIL 19, 2022 TO APRIL 18, 2023.**

**CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.6. EXCUSE ABSENCES OF COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.7. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES AND REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SANFORD VENTURES INC. AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AMENDING THE OPERATING HOURS, FACILITY USE FEE, NUMBER OF PUBLIC SURFACE PARKING SPACES MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE FESTIVAL, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BEACHLIFE FESTIVAL FOR THE TERM OF APRIL 19, 2022 TO JULY 31, 2022**

**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.8. APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT OF SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND REDONDO BEACH MARINA GROUP LLC TO PROVIDE RENT ABATEMENT FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO OFFSET THE TENANT'S EXPENSE FOR RE-PAVING THE CAPTAIN KIDD'S PARKING LOT**

**CONTRACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.9. ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-017. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TO ACCEPT \$337,928 IN STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT FUNDS**

**APPROVE A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR SHSP 2020 GRANT FUNDING**

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

**H.10. APPROVE A GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027; AND ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-018, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022-2027.**

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

**H.11. ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-019, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROPRIATING \$1,350 FROM AVAILABLE UNALLOCATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO STAGE AND SECURE A PARADE CELEBRATING SUCCESSFUL LOCAL AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) GIRLS' TEAMS.**

**CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

- H.12. APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) AUTO PULSE RESUSCITATION SYSTEMS FROM ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION UTILIZING NATIONAL PURCHASING PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PRICING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 TO BE REIMBURSED THROUGH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MEASURE B GRANT FUNDS  
CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF**
- H.13. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE, A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO ESTABLISH A FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE APRIL 19, 2022 UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY AND APPROVE RELATED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, PARENTS WAIVER STATEMENT, RULES OF CONDUCT FOR FIRE EXPLORER MEMBERS, PARENT CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND AN ATTENDANCE POLICY.  
CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF**
- H.14. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KEYSER MARSTON ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR TWO YEARS TO OCTOBER 31, 2024, INCREASE THE CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$100,000, AND UPDATE THE SERVICE RATES  
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**
- H.15. APPROVE CITY COMMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR NEW TERMS AS FOLLOWS:**  
**1. That the City Council set Friday, June 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. as the deadline for receiving applications 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 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants for vacant positions;**  
**4. That Councilmembers submit their recommendations for appointment to the Mayor by Wednesday, August 3, 2022;**  
**5. That the Mayor make Commission appointments at the Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, August 16, 2022 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 6, 2022 and that the City Clerk schedule a Commissioners orientation to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.**  
**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**
- H.16. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MORROW MEADOWS CORPORATION TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR THE CITYWIDE WASTEWATER PUMP STATION OPERATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, FOR A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TERM ENDING APRIL 18, 2027  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**
- H.17. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO FUNDING AGREEMENT #MOU.MR312.20 BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) FOR THE AVIATION BOULEVARD AT ARTESIA BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 40780, TO EXTEND THE LAPSING DATE OF LACMTA FY 2011-12 PROGRAMMED FUNDS TO JUNE 30, 2024 AND PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,060,000 OF FUNDING TO THE PROJECT PROGRAMMED IN FY 2021-22 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024**

**ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-020, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROPRIATING \$1,060,000 FROM LACMTA MEASURE R GRANT FUNDS TO THE AVIATION BOULEVARD AT ARTESIA BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 40780**

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

**H.18. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGARDING DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX COLLECTION  
CONTACT: STEVEN DIELS, CITY TREASURER**

**H.19. RECEIVE AND FILE MONTHLY UPDATES TO THE SIX-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022.  
CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER**

**H.20. REGRETFULLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER SYBILLA TURNER FROM THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPAC)  
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Administrative Specialist Melissa Villa read the comments submitted via eComment by Michael Martin who suggested a correction on the March 15, 2022 minutes regarding the motion for N.3.

Mark Hansen believed the March 15, 2022 minutes for the Item N3 motion as stated are correct but suggested a discussion removing "City" from the motion.

There being no further 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.20, with the exception of Item H.5, #2 which was pulled by staff. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only which were included on the Consent Calendar.

#### **I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE**

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

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Rolf Strutzenberg thanked Council for their approval to increase funds for crossing guards which are critical.

Polly Kinsinger expressed concern with the City having a tree cutting ordinance and reviewed her concerns.

Administrative Specialist Melissa Villa read the comments submitted via eComment by Mark Nelson.

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

**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 ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE REDONDO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF**

Interim Fire Chief Keith Kauffman gave a report and discussed the following:

- Assessment of the Redondo Beach Fire Department
- Goal
- Methodology
- Priority Matrix
- Process
- Takeaways
- 21 Recommendations
- Discussion and Possible Action

Mayor Brand suggested looking at both a county quote and exploration of a tri-city agreement and to take a comprehensive approach to next steps.

Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated he did not suggest delaying anything that has come forward in the assessment waiting for an answer on the other end.

Mayor Brand pointed out that the City spent \$3.7M in overtime in 2020-21. He also supported the firefighters in Redondo Beach and suggested working closely with the Firefighters Association and staff through the process. He further suggested forming a subcommittee.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported a better overall level of service with a better overall cost, which can't be done with the City's own resources.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated the overall cost for implementation and ongoing costs would be approximately \$1.4M, including three firefighter positions. He also supported fully staffing and reducing the overtime level.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported sending the report to the Budget and Finance Commission and including a request for zero-base budgeting for the Fire Department. He also said the Harbor Commission should be involved and looking at overlapping services.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about conditions of fire stations and infrastructure. Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated this is one of the recommendations but pointed out that the Police Department needs upgrades as well.

City Manager Witzansky stated staff is evaluating the conditions, and recommendations will be brought forward such as improvements to the stations as part of the budget.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated automatic aid is occurring approximately once a day, noted three different dispatch systems, there could be a delay in certain services, but there is some preplanning involved as well.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested looking at all options.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported and thanked Interim Fire Chief Kauffman and asked about Harbor Commission input. Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated he met with every member of the Harbor Commission for their thoughts and expectations regarding the Harbor Patrol but they did not all respond. He expressed concern with the growth of the harbor and a greater need for public safety which needs to be considered in the decisions moving forward.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concern with getting away from the mission of the Harbor Patrol and response times for North Redondo, supported including numbers and costs, doing due diligence, including all options, being prepared when equipment is down, Pers costs, new hires, and pointed out that the \$1.4M will climb through the years.

Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated response times in North Redondo are very important and said the Harbor Patrol still acts as a rescue but not as a full assessment unit. He said the goal would be to always have waterside response and the ability to respond 24/7 needs to be in place. He also said a captain's license is required for all involved in the Harbor Patrol, and he did not support reducing qualifications or skill sets. He said apparatus costs are a concern as well and said they have redundancy.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported upgrading the infrastructure of the fire houses for the future of the Fire Department.

Councilmember Emdee said the residents love the Fire Department and feel safe and protected. She asked about the cost saving at approximately \$2M by doing all of the recommendations. Interim Fire Chief Kauffman said the savings are unknown at this time, but there will definitely be savings due to efficiencies including savings in overtime.

Councilmember Emdee also supported the Fire Union who is open to many of the changes proposed. She also referred to Recommendation #5 and requested a BRR regarding the new technology and pointed out that having the Harbor Master in place will focus on safety of the harbor and not neglect.

Interim Fire Chief Kauffman gave a history on the Harbor Master and suggested reformulating the Division Chiefs to be included with the harbor. Councilmember Emdee supported everyone using the harbor to have one person to go to at all times, which is a priority.

Councilmember Emdee recommended over-hiring clerical, having a shared Battalion Chief, and that technology and the Harbor Patrol come back for further discussion.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, Interim Fire Chief Kauffman stated the Harbor Master used to have their own admin person which was defunded. He said a Decision Package will be brought back to reallocate funding for that Admin Specialist. He also said the integration of a Senior Management Analyst would help the City have an emergency manager.

Councilmember Emdee stated the Harbor Master should be focused on safety and the department and focusing on issues in the harbor, prioritizing and supporting recreational boating.

Councilmember Horvath supported moving forward with the assessment which will benefit the department going forward and a combined public safety department, noting there is overlap between both departments.

He recommended bringing back the DP's over the next month as unique discussion items. He also suggested considering the tri-cities, and further discussions regarding the Harbor Patrol.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Eugene Solomon discussed the following items:

- Security and infrastructure upgrades to be included
- Class 1 designation will not lower insurance costs
- Chief Castro hired as a part-time Program Coordinator rather than a consultant - total cost of services?
- Regional approach - Torrance will have a ½ percent sales tax increase on the June ballot to raise \$18M
- Manhattan Beach Fire Department shared services currently in a labor dispute
- Unintended consequences and possible expenses - Beach Cities Health District and Healthy Living Campus - higher volume of calls with regard to responses for falls
- Over hire and costs - much higher inflation now than when MOU's created

Roger Carlson supported the service of the Harbor Patrol, supported having boat inspections, stated the harbor needs a specific dedicated response, supported having a Harbor Master, lower calls in winter may change the numbers and should be studied, and supported to start planning now for a boat ramp.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to extend Mr. Carlson's time for one minute. Hearing no objection, Mayor Brand so ordered.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor boater, thanked Interim Fire Chief Kauffman and Chief Castro for their work and outreach to the boaters and harbor stakeholders. He also discussed the following:

- Have just one person in charge of the boat and suggested keeping the title "Boat Captain"
- Supported having 24/7 rescue response from within the harbor at all times
- Bay Watch coverage during the day while they are out covering the county beaches is not an acceptable safety option
- Harbor Patrol response from an inland fire station is also not an acceptable safety option
- Boats disabled near the breakwater, which is not uncommon, a response from inland or from down the coast will simply arrive too late to save lives

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to extend Mr. Hansen's time for 30 seconds. Hearing no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

- Supported having a standalone person not under the umbrella of public safety
- A defined Division Chief for the Harbor Patrol is a simple organizational issue to address who may or may not have any background in harbor management or recreational boating
- Long-identified need of our harbor has been a true Harbor Master, with experience in harbor management and recreational boating

Administrative Specialist Melissa Villa read the comments submitted via eComment by:

Wayne Craig, Mel Samples, Lee Collier and Donna Capraro.

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

Mayor Brand thanked those that sent in emails of detailed comments regarding the assessment and how to proceed.

Councilmember Obagi believed the assessment provides the tools for a great fire response in Redondo Beach, said there is room for improvement and comparing costs if the City contracts county or partnerships with neighboring cities.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the total cost of the report. City Manager Witzansky stated staff can run the analysis. He also said the Budget and Finance Commission looked at a zero based budget for the Fire Department over the last four to five years. He also suggested bringing back on May 1 the members to choose on a subcommittee.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, City Attorney Webb said a subcommittee can be appointed tonight but can only be the Mayor and two Councilmembers for it not to be a Brown Act. He also encouraged speaking to Interim Fire Chief Kauffman regarding the previous discussions on the three cities.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested any new items and expenses go through BRR's and to go through the Budget and Finance Commission looking at the costs associated with the Fire Department.

Councilmember Horvath suggested including "move forward" in the title of the motion. He also asked about any concerns regarding hiring an Interim Fire Chief. Interim Fire Chief Kauffman said it would depend on the person, and City Manager Witzansky stated the new hire would have to recognize it is a transitory position, and he also pointed out a short term hire will be needed to get to a long term hire.

Councilmember Horvath suggested including Councilmember Emdee on the Subcommittee to allow for more representation across the City.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim to move forward with the Redondo Beach Fire Department Assessment Directions:

1. Institute an over-hire program at the firefighter rank.
2. Hire additional administrative staff.
3. Explore and create a 1-year pilot MOU with MB, El Segundo and/or possibly Torrance
4. Harbor Patrol operations:
  - a. Send the recommendations regarding the Harbor Patrol to the Harbor Commission for their recommendation.
5. The purchase of new technology for the fire station alerting systems.
6. Conduct further analysis of the infrastructure improvements required at the fire houses and costs.
7. New BRRs should go to the Budget and Finance Commission as much as possible.

Amended Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim to form a subcommittee to include the Mayor, Councilmember Nehrenheim and Councilmember Loewenstein. Councilmember Obagi accepted the amendment.

Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

**N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH BY THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude gave a report and discussed the following:

- 10-Step Process
- Preliminary Study - information provided to the Fire Authority
- Additional Services
- Recommendation

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Eugene Solomon, Redondo Beach, reviewed his concerns regarding inaccurate Fire Department costs and expenses and asked that these be thoroughly investigated.

Sondra Segall, Redondo Beach, CERT, opposed outsourcing fire services to the county and doing a feasibility study and noted the Firefighter's Union would like to have a career path. She supported fully funding and staffing the Redondo Beach Fire Department.

Kent Iverson, Redondo Beach, CERT, opposed outsourcing the City's fire protection to the county and said the community needs to be bound together to include police and fire. He supported moving forward with the City, not the county.

Administrative Specialist Melissa Villa read the comments submitted via eComment by:

Mariam Butler, Peter Aziz, Wayne Craig, Lezlie Campeggi, and Charles Hammond.

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

Mayor Brand supported looking at all options.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated Council always does their due diligence, supported looking at all options, and stated he would like a presentation from the county regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Councilmember Obagi supported the Fire Department and said there is a mandate in District 4 to conduct the assessment, and people want to know comparable services. He also reviewed the LA County Fire Department services and supported due diligence to look at county.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported all decisions being available and clarity from all parties involved. He supported going forward with the study.

Councilmember Emdee thanked Mayor Brand for his letter to Mr. Charles Hammond.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to receive and file the report, give direction to prepare a report and work with the subcommittee, and to include the scope of services requested from the county.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

**P.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-022, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

City Manager Witzansky gave a staff report.

Councilmember Horvath opposed the language that a 4/5 vote would remove a member without cause.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, City Attorney Webb stated the meetings are set up with one Saturday per month and he would be the staff member.

Councilmember Emdee suggested adding the selection of Mayor process to the charter review.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Eugene Solomon, Redondo Beach, suggested reforming language in the code related to the HAPLA position on the Harbor Commission, as HAPLA for all intents and purposes no longer exists. He suggested broadening the appointment eligibility to include successor organizations or some other language that would still represent harbor interests. This would not limited to one organization that may or may not sustain beyond its current formation.

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

City Manager Witzansky requested that the motion include clean-up/correction of typos in the original resolution, Section 5.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to include revisions to the Charter Review Committee Ordinance (*sic*) as follows to come back to Council on May 10, 2022:

### **Mayor gets 2 + 2**

1. Each Councilmember and the Mayor shall appoint one (1) alternate for each of their respective Committee member appointments. An alternate will only be able to vote when the Committee member appointed by the same Councilmember or the Mayor is absent from a meeting. If a member resigns or is removed from the Committee, the alternate becomes the member and a new alternate shall be appointed by the respective appointing Councilmember or Mayor (or his/her successor).

### **Section 3:**

“Additionally a member or alternate may be removed without cause by a 4/5 vote of the City Council.”

### **Section 4:**

1. Remove “...the Planning Commission and...”

Mayor shall select initial chair, and then subsequently the Committee can agendize appointing a new chair and vote in a new chair by majority vote.

The subject matters reviewed shall be compartmentalized, with input from the City Manager/staff/other elected officials and shall include but not be limited to the following:

Direction to staff to clean up the ordinance (*sic*).

Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Brand left the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Councilmember Obagi resumed the seat as Mayor Pro Tem.

**N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MOBILITY AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT ASSESSMENT IN THE RIVIERA VILLAGE REVISION TO THE CITY'S CAP FOR DEVELOPER IN-LIEU PARK AND RECREATION FEES (QUIMBY FEES)  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

City Engineer Andy Winje gave a report on the Mobility and Pedestrian Movement Assessment in Riviera Village and discussed the following:

- Strategic Plan Goal: Invest in the City's Infrastructure
- Objective: Riviera Village Mobility Assessment focusing on Pedestrian Movement
  - Mid-Block Crossings
    - Avenue I
    - Trader Joe's
  - Catalina Intersections
    - Avenue I
    - Avenue Del Norte
    - Vista Del Mar
    - Elena
  - Circulation Changes
    - Avenida Del Norte
    - Via El Prado AWS
    - Catalina Avenue
  - Avenue I Mid-block Crossing Enhancements
  - Trader Joe's Mid-block Crossing - Speed Table
  - Catalina Intersections - bulb outs
- Recommendations
  - Receive and file the report
  - Provide input regarding potential pedestrian improvements in the Riviera Village commercial area

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Public Works Director Semaan stated a circulation change recommendation is to convert Avenida Del Norte between Elena and Via El Prado to one-way in the westbound direction, helping both the pedestrians and inter-circulation in the area. He also said staff would only be looking at the NE corner, since the bulb-out by Riviera House at the SE quadrant of Avenida Del Norte and Catalina has actually been an improvement constructed. He further said an additional stop at Avenue I and Catalina would further enhance the driver awareness as part of enhancement of the median. He further reviewed parking spots that may be lost and gained. He said the proposal would come out of the Traffic Calming budget, and monies asked for in the 2022-23 FY as well.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, City Manager Witzansky stated that stop signs, painting and signage would be more manageable items whereas curb and gutter or anything more structural would need to be brought into proper scheduling. He also noted there are many traffic calming projects in the queue which are all critical.

Councilmember Horvath asked if Avenida Del Norte could be one way all the way out to Catalina and Via El Prado be one way going southeast, and also asked if more parking could then be created. Public Works Director Semaan explained the more one-way circulation proposed impacts the Village circulation as a whole which would require more consideration and discussion with the businesses. He also spoke on enhancing pedestrian traffic and speed tables but noted an issue on Catalina with water flow.

City Engineer Winje explained that Vista Del Mar storm drains are undersized and should be increased but the drainage infrastructure is the least well-funded. He also said Measure W can be incorporated if the City

can build a water quality component into the proposal. He also said ARPA funds are available for storm water infrastructure improvements. He further said speed tables may interfere with emergency vehicle access on Catalina.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, City Engineer Winje stated the crosswalk is being proposed on the Trader Joe's side. Public Works Director Semaan reviewed the configuration of the parking lot.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported Catalina open both ways.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comments submitted via eComment by Brianna Egan.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, to utilize the \$50K allocated last budget cycle for the paint and stop sign work as well as the one-way study for Avenida Del Norte, request the money needed for the remaining items for the upcoming budget cycle and to notice the public to seek input on the stop signs. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

#### **N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE THAT ADDRESS NUISANCE/BLIGHTED PROPERTIES**

##### **RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON OPTIONS TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S ENFORCEMENT OF NUISANCE/BLIGHTED PROPERTIES CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Witzansky gave an introduction and discussed the options to enhance the City's enforcement of nuisance/blighted properties.

Assistant to the City Manager Elizabeth Hause gave a slide show presentation and discussed the following:

- RBMC Title 4, Chapter 10:
  - Nuisances Defined
  - Abatement Measure
- RBMC Title 5, Chapter 2: Weeds and garbage left to accumulate on property
- RBMC Title 10, Chapter 2: Sign Regulation
- RBMC Title 4, Chapter 24: Noise Regulation
- Pleasanton Municipal Code: Sample Language

Police Chief Joe Hoffman discussed the following:

- RBPd Staffing Adjustments

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi noted a serious problem and impacts to value of homes and businesses. He hoped to see regular patrols going forward ensuring clean up and pursuing the property owners and the City getting reimbursed.

City Manager Witzansky reviewed issues in the City, and additional resources will be included in the proposed budget to address this issue on a more permanent basis.

Chief of Police Joe Hoffman said the goal is to get results quickly with a team and a variety of tools to respond in a more efficient manner to resolve issues and improve the quality of life.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file the report, and provide direction to staff to adopt similar language as the City of Pleasanton to clearly delineate the nuisances to eliminate in the City. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**N.5. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S POLYSTYRENE AND SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS ORDINANCE  
CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief of Police Joe Hoffman gave a report on the City's education and enforcement efforts related to single use plastics.

Captain Steve Sprengel gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following:

- City of Redondo Beach Use of Polystyrene and Single Use Plastic Products
- Ordinance - Background
- RBMC Title 5, Chapter 10 - Prohibited Items
- Education
- Enforcement

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi regarding enforcement action, Captain Sprengel stated only educational efforts are taking place at this point.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi stated multiuse plastic bags are now being provided by stores and asked if there have been communities banning all plastic bags.

Captain Sprengel stated this Municipal Code doesn't cover the carryout plastic bags but Manhattan Beach passed an ordinance in 2008 that banned carryout plastic bags. Mayor Pro Tem Obagi supported adopting this ban.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted Maui uses a lid and straw that degrades and there are no plastic straws. He suggested a list of three or four different sources in the food industry to buy these in bulk at a discount in the City, starting small such as the farmer's market and patrol and educate with options and then concentrate in other areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Craig Cadwallader, Surf Rider Foundation South Bay Chapter, stated he is familiar with the ordinances with over 150 foodware plastics ordinances in the State of California. He said LA County just adopted a foodware single-use plastics ordinance for the unincorporated area and the City of LA will be introducing their own version as well. He said he would be happy to share his resources and knowledge with the City. He said the California State bag ban is preemptive and only allows limited items at the local level. He also said the heavier bags are meant to be reused, and there are different examples of cities supplying lists of suppliers

for the businesses. He said he can bring ideas to help, noting it is important to get the single use plastics out of the environment.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported working with enforcement currently in place rather than creating more issues and work for staff.

Councilmember Loewenstein suggested focusing on a small area first and then go from there. He also agreed with being careful with further expansion and not enforcing what's already in place.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to investigate whether the City can pass a similar ban as Manhattan Beach, eliminating carryout plastics of any sort and to find out if Manhattan Beach has enforcement, and bringing back a ban if allowed. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lowenstein, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi  
NOES: Nehrenheim, Emdee  
ABSENT: None

**N.6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT FOR THE WEED ABATEMENT, LIEN, AND PROBATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1713 FORD AVENUE IN REDONDO BEACH  
CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Webb gave a presentation and history regarding 1713 Ford Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to receive and file the proceeds and authorize Financial Services to receive the check from Quality of Life Prosecutor Joy Abaquin. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**N.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE QUALITY OF LIFE DONATION ACCOUNT.**

**ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION No. CC-2204-021, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$23,454.17 ADMINISTRATOR COMMISSIONS FROM THE ESTATE OF GARY R. WILSON TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE DONATION ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS BY THE REDONDO BEACH HOMELESS HOUSING NAVIGATOR.  
CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY.**

Quality of Life Prosecutor Joy Abaquin gave a report and discussed homeless needs and donations received and the Quality of Life Donation Account.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adopt by 4/5 vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2204-021, and to include the \$2,000 check from the church. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read by title only Resolution No. CC-2204-021.

**O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - NONE**

**P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

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

Councilmember Loewenstein requested a BRR regarding the cost to redo the bathrooms near Quality Seafood, a dog run at Czuleger Park, and bulb outs/raised pedestrian platforms at four different intersections at N. Lucia/Beryl, N. Lucia/Maria, Diamond and N. Juanita, and Diamond and N. Helberta.

**R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE**

**T. ADJOURNMENT: 11:22 P.M.**

**T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEN DYER, FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 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, May 3, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

City Manager Witzansky reminded all that the May 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting will be conducted in person in the Council Chamber.

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, City Clerk