



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Closed Session-Adjourned Regular-4:30 p.m.
Open Session-Regular Meeting-6:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent: None
Officials Present: Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

At the request of Mayor Brand, the audience and Councilmembers rose to salute the flag.

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mayor Brand called for public comment. There being no one wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - 4:34 p.m.

- F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager
Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:

Redondo Beach Police Officers Association; Redondo Beach Police Management Unit, and Redondo Beach Firefighters Association

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

Name of case:

Harry Stuver, et al. v. City of Redondo Beach and Redondo Beach Police Department
Case Number: BC461376

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Carol Beatty v. City of Redondo Beach, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk c/o Six Redondo Beach Police Officers

Case Number: YC 073151

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

City of Redondo Beach v. State of California; Alex Padilla, et al.

Case Number: BS 172218

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

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

Case Number: BC682833

- F.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Redondo Beach Waterfront, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: 19STCV13547

- F.7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.8.

NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager

Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager

Ted Semaan, Public Works Director

PROPERTY:

Within the public right-of-way to APN 7505-002-913

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

- F.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.8.

NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager

Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager

Ted Semaan, Public Works Director

PROPERTY:

Within the public right-of-way, adjacent to APNs 7502-017-001, 7505-020-027 & 7507-017-001

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Crown Caste Fiber, LLC

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to recess to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Attorney Michael W. Webb, City Manager Joe Hoefgen, Assistant City Manager Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Stephen Proud, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Risk Manager Jill Buchholz, Civil Engineer Lauren Sablan, Outside Labor Negotiator Laura Kalty, and Outside Legal Counsel Chuck Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 6:12 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney Joe Hoefgen, City Manager Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Hoefgen reported that Items F.1, F.2 and F.4 were completed and the remaining items will be carried over to the March 3rd City Council meeting.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to adjourn to Open Session at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 6:13 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney Joe Hoefgen, 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 Loewenstein announced his Community Meeting taking place tomorrow night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. second floor of the main library discussing traffic calming measures on Beryl and dogs in parks.

Councilmember Gran thanked the Public Works Department for grinding sidewalks and indentations in District 4, and two new curb cuts on Slauson and Vanderbilt.

Councilmember Emdee announced free document shredding at the Performing Arts Center on February 29 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mayor Brand announced Snow Queen at the Performing Arts Center this Saturday and Sunday, stated he visited the composting facility and MRF facility, spoke on the Wasteless Shop in Manhattan Beach with items to help generate less waste, and the Los Angeles County Stroke Unit.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to move Item N.1 prior to Item L.1. Motion carried unanimously.

F. AGENCY RECESS: NONE

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to receive and file additional materials for Items H.13, H.14, N.1, N.2 and N.3. Motion carried unanimously.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020.

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. DECEMBER 17, 2019 ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

EFT/ACH \$366,663.40, PD. 1/30/2020 (PP2002)

EFT/ACH \$8,995.61, PD. 2/6/2020 (PP2003)

EFT/ACH \$361,913.83, PD. 2/7/2020 (PP2003)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 92937-93138 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,579,204.43

REPLACEMENT DEMAND 92936

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

1. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GEOTECHNIQUES FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REDONDO BEACH TRANSIT CENTER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,265 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.6. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH MRI SOFTWARE LLC FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,715 FOR THE TERM MARCH 1, 2020 - FEBRUARY 28, 2024

CONTACT: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.7. APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CONSULTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED 36-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 190TH STREET AND FISK LANE FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$912 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,054 FOR THE TERM OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2020.**

APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALCAST FOUNDRY, INC. AND PORTNER LIVING TRUST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED 36-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 190TH STREET AND FISK LANE FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$912 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,382 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2020.

CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.8. EXCUSE ABSENCES OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS**

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- H.9. ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2002-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO ACCEPT \$70,199 IN STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT FUNDS.**

APPROVE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR SHSP 2018 GRANT FUNDING.

CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, POLICE CHIEF

- H.10. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH COX LAW GROUP, INC. ("COX LAW GROUP") FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS NEEDED FOR THE TERM OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 UNTIL TERMINATED**

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

JOY ABAQUIN, QUALITY OF LIFE PROSECUTOR

- H.11. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2002-009, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RECONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1**

CONTACT: STEPHEN PROUD, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- H.12. RECEIVE AND FILE THE PERIODIC UPDATES TO THE SIX-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2019**

CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

- H.13. PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOEWENSTEIN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

- H.14. PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER NEHRENHEIM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

Mayor Brand called for public comment. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to approve Consent Calendar items H.1 through H.12. Motion carried unanimously.

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

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H.13. APPROVE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATED LEASE FOR KING HARBOR MARINA BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND MARINA COVE LTD. TO EXPAND THE PREMISES FOR THE LEASEHOLD APPROVE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS KING HARBOR MARINA FROM MARINA COVE LTD TO MAJESTIC KHM LLC

CONTACT: STEPHEN PROUD, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

At the request of Councilmember Loewenstein, Waterfront and Economic Development Director Stephen Proud gave a report and recommended that Council consent to the assignment and allow this transaction to move forward.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported the Guthrie's in the City.

Mayor Brand explained these are the properties under the Marina Cove Leasehold which is the largest lease in the entire harbor which is being sold and Council is agreeing to the assignment of the lease, noting it is a private transaction. He also reviewed the subleases under the leasehold.

Mayor Brand called for public comments.

MaryAnn Guthrie, Marina Cove Limited, gave a history on their leasehold which topped \$22M in gross revenues. She asked Council to assign their leasehold interest to Dr. Ginsburg and his company Majestic KHM LLC. She thanked their tenants, employees, partners, City staff, attorney, and community support.

Sean Guthrie gave a history built by his father and wished the best to Dr. Ginsburg and his team.

Roger Van Remmen, president and CEO of the Richstone Family Center, spoke on the Guthrie family, their character, and their contributions, and wished the best to the new owners.

Michael Stark, volunteer for the City, thanked Les Guthrie and his family for their support and wished the best to the new owners.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Mayor Brand gave a history on the King Harbor Marina and the Guthrie's who gave fun and enjoyment to the community.

Councilmember Nehrenheim informed that the apartments on the border of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach were built by the Guthrie family.

Councilmember Horvath thanked the Guthrie family for their support in the community.

Councilmember Gran also thanked the Guthrie family for their support and hard work in the City.

Councilmember Emdee also supported the Guthrie's.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to approve Eighth Amendment to the restated lease for King Harbor Marina between the City of Redondo Beach and Marina from Marina Cove LTD to expand the premises for the leasehold, and approve Assignment and Assumption of the Lease Agreement commonly referred to as King Harbor Marina from Marina Cove LTD to Majestic KHM LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

**H.14. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND FHN FINANCIAL MAIN STREET ADVISORS LLC TO PROVIDE NON-DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,000 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - FEBRUARY 17, 2023
CONTACT: STEVEN DIELS, CITY TREASURER**

City Treasurer Steven Diels gave a report and discussed the following:

- Cost of contract
- Clients
- Services for the City
- Savings by using FHN Financial Main Street Advisors LLC

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, City Treasurer Diels stated this is a three-year contract with the same terms as the previous years. He said the portfolio averages about \$87M and can peak at about \$100M. He also said they obtain price proposals in writing which can be provided if allowed. He clarified that the contract is \$18K a year, noting they are managing the portfolio.

Councilmember Nehrenheim expressed concern with the contract lapsing and being renewed in place. City Treasurer Diels stated they have a tickler file reminding that the contracts are coming up for renewal.

In response to Mayor Brand, City Treasurer Diels stated the previous contract expired January 31, and the contract will start February 1, continuing to work on a good will basis. Mayor Brand stated the biggest concern was not working under contract.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concern with trades being made without an agreement in place. City Treasurer Diels stated their responsibility is to always follow state law and the City Investment Policy.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked about having a list of qualified brokers annually submitted by the Treasurer for approval by Council. City Treasurer Diels stated this pertains to in-house investing which isn't being done, noting trades are being conducted through an investment house and this company. He said this information will be provided going forward.

Mayor Brand called for public comment.

Denise McPherson, Redondo Beach, believed the contract is a good deal for the City and asked for Council support.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to approve agreement for consulting services between the City of Redondo Beach and FHN Financial Main Street Advisors LLC to provide non-discretionary investment advisor services for the amount not to exceed \$54,000 for the term February 18, 2020 – February 17, 2023, to include sending Council the competitive bids. Motion carried unanimously.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Brand called for public comment.

City Treasurer Diels reviewed his concerns regarding statements made by Mr. Eugene Solomon to include false and misleading claims, an expired investment policy, a conflict of interest with the City Treasurer and Commission, misleading voters, and a judgement to pay his attorneys. He asked if the Council, and City Attorney enforce ethical standards of honesty, integrity and conflict of interest for Commissioners.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to receive and file documents presented by City Treasurer Diels. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Craig, District 1, expressed concern with an email by Councilmember Gran and abusing his elected position to bully firefighters just trying to do their job.

Greg Diete thanked staff, departments and Council for finding funds for the restoration of the North Plaza parking area above the Fun Factory. He also supported having musicals at the Performing Arts Center.

Gary Mlynek, District 5, supported voting no on the LA County's Measure FD which is just another tax.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO INSTALL BLUE CURB ON THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH FRANCISCA AVENUE CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City Engineer Andy Winje gave a report and stated the blue curb installation action has been suspended, noting the homeowner has indicated he does not want them.

Mayor Brand called for public comment.

Diana Mattucci stated she is a neighbor and supported the installation of the apron.

Jill Klausen stated she is a neighbor and requested the apron be reinstalled. She also suggested as a workable solution to pour concrete from the curb to the sidewalk as a wheelchair ramp with blue striping. She also supported having a ramp regardless of what is decided.

Wayne Craig, District 1, expressed concern with selective enforcement of the code, and suggested doing what is best for the residents.

James Reed, brother of John Reed, stated Kelly is under constant care and his brother is trying to make a normal life for her as possible. He supported making it as easy as possible to give Kelly the care she needs.

Fred Williams, 517 S. Francisca, supported the Reed's to have the driveway apron replaced. He said it is very difficult to get Kelly in and out of the car and noted speeding traffic on their street. He said the driveway apron would ensure a safe and reliable space, with easier and safer access to use the driveway instead of curb parking. He said anybody can park at a blue curb and stated parking is tight on their block. He asked that the driveway apron be returned.

Patrick Myer, neighbor across the street, supported the Reed's, expressed concern with poor communication, and lack of help from the City for the disabled, and supported Council making the right decision.

A member of the public stated her family grew up in the Reed's home which has been kept intact and asked that it stay preserved as much as possible. She supported the apron being reinstalled.

Erin Ectstein supported the Reed's, expressed concern with the removal of the driveway and asked that it be put back in place.

Rolf Strutzenberg, Redondo Beach, stated what is needed is an off-street loading facility which is defined in the code as a driveway. He said the Planning Commission makes exception to the code all the time and said there are ways to handle the situation. He also expressed concern with indifference and believed that something can be done in a way that is plausible for everyone.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Mayor Brand stated this issue came up several months ago and said he looked at the home and the apron was there. He said Council is very concerned about the apron being removed and said there is a code that mandates that aprons that lead to nowhere be removed. He said Council needs to find a way to make it easier on the Reed's or to get the apron back. He supported amending the code to make exceptions.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he has received comments from the residents and supported solving the problem.

City Attorney Webb stated the issue is the state code.

John Reed, 525 S. Francisca, introduced his daughter Kelly and explained that he would be parking parallel on the street in front of the apron.

Councilmember Horvath expressed concern with how to help Kelly and get her into the house as fast and easiest as possible, such as having a blue curb and parking parallel. He pointed out that parking in front of aprons is not allowed. He also expressed concern with only 20% of the apron technically being on the Reed's property.

City Engineer Andy Winje explained that when property gets redeveloped, staff typically asks the property owner of the redeveloping property to make improvements to the parkway in front of their house to bring it up to standard which is what was done, including the removal of the apron. He also said an apron needs to be removed by code unless it leads to a designated property area or garage which was not the case at the Reed's.

Councilmember Horvath supported the decision made by Council at the last meeting, helping to get Kelly out of the car and into the house quickly. He supported having a designated space as soon as possible.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he has never heard of a problem with aprons in front of a house and believed it was never a real issue. He supported enforcing the ordinance but to be flexible for those with special needs and supported returning the apron which will help the Reed's.

City Attorney Webb explained that the neighbors triggered a code that Council passed and staff carried out the code as to what is in the books. He said the problem is putting it back which is a violation of state code. He said all the muni codes can be changed, but it is illegal to park in front of or upon the portion of the curb that has been cut down, lowered or constructed to provide wheelchair accessibility to the sidewalk. He also said he can come back in May with further information.

Councilmember Emdee stated the solution at the last Council meeting was to have a blue handicap spot with a cement pad that went from the curb to the sidewalk, trying it out for three months, noting nothing else can be done in three months anyway.

City Engineer Andy Winje stated a blue stripe where no one else can park would encourage or allow especially the visually impaired to mistake that access for a safer corner access.

Councilmember Emdee stated Council is being asked to do something that is not simple and violates state law and noted there is a temporary solution until things can be worked out. She supported the motion at the last meeting as a temporary solution for three months on a trial basis and pointed out there is no guarantee of putting the apron back.

In response to Mayor Brand, Mr. Reed stated he does not want a blue curb with a private sidewalk across temporarily.

City Council recessed at 9:20 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney Joe Hoefgen, City Manager

Councilmember Gran stated it will take three months regardless and Council has offered putting in a blue curb while looking at the code.

Mr. Reed stated he has put in 23 years daily into the needs of his daughter and said the blue curb will not solve the problem.

In response to Mayor Brand, Mr. Reed stated he does not want a blue curb.

City Attorney Webb expressed concern with parking in the parkway or sidewalk which is illegal per the vehicle code, even if the curb has been cut down or lowered to provide wheelchair access to the sidewalk. He said he will bring back all muni codes to address this issue.

Mrs. Reed expressed concern with Council not listening and providing options that will not work, and said they need the apron back.

Councilmember Loewenstein suggested City Attorney Webb research the statute and to bring back the apron, if permissible, and not in violation of state law. He also said if it is against state law, he will do his best to lobby the elected officials in Sacramento to change it.

Mayor Brand reviewed an email just received from Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi.

Councilmember Horvath asked if the apron could be put solely on the 525 lot. City Engineer Andy Winje stated this could take place with the change in code but noted the owner at 523 has indicated he does not want to help in restoring the apron. He also noted it is City parkway.

Councilmember Horvath stated Council and staff are trying to work on this issue, indicating everyone has the needs and best interest of Kelly.

Councilmember Nehrenheim expressed his concerns and noted support in District 1.

Councilmember Emdee stated a series of ordinances and public hearings will have to take place first and the motion indicates just looking at the ordinances.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to direct the City Attorney to come back with the appropriate changes to the Municipal Code to allow the driveway apron be brought back, not install the handicap blue curbs as directed at the previous Council meeting, and to avoid any conflicts with state law. Motion carried unanimously.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE.

PROCEDURES:

- a. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and
- b. Close Public Hearing, and
- c. Direct staff to submit the Analysis of Impediments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development

CONTACT: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Services Director John La Rock reviewed the Analysis of Impediments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and recommendations.

In response to Mayor Brand regarding affordable housing and inclusionary zoning, Community Services Director John La Rock stated individual actions on certain development projects have required affordable housing as a component which is a responsive item highlighted in action steps of the analysis.

Mayor Brand called for public comment. There being no one wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to direct staff to submit the Analysis of Impediments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Motion carried unanimously.

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – NONE

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 4 PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS AND CONDUCT, CHAPTER 35 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF DOGS IN PARKS

CONTACT: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Community Services Director John La Rock gave a report and discussed the following:

- Subcommittee of Recreation and Park Commission report
- Staff recommendations
- 20 parks and parkettes recommended
- Map of parks

- Dogs in parks considerations
- Animal licensing data
- Maintenance of parks – bag stations, dispensers, cleaning, repairs, etc.
- Impacts
- Recommendations – take no action or provide direction to staff to draft new MC language which would update the code in Chapter 35 regarding allowing dogs in parks

Mayor Brand called for public comment.

Steve Berling stated the elected officials and staff from Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Torrance have figured out a way to accommodate dogs in parks. He also noted responsible owners in parks.

Stacy Freese supported dogs in parks and thanked the Recreation and Parks Commission for their work. She also said Valley Park is beautiful and dogs are allowed and stated people clean up after their dogs and are responsible owners. She suggested talking to the staff and obtaining suggestions, and supported dogs in parks.

John Simpson, member of the Public Works Commission and GPAC, supported the proposal and said he has to drive to Hermosa Beach or Torrance for their dog. He also noted a draft plan on parks and open spaces has been submitted with several references to walking pets in parks and parkettes. He said most of the dog owners in Redondo Beach are responsible and suggested ordinances that reflect realistically the activities and desires of the residents along with appropriate provisions for adequate enforcement.

Elizabeth Morefield believed that parks are for people and expressed concern with being startled by a dog in a park. She said people are not picking up after their pets and also expressed concern with the costs for dogs in parks which is approximately 60 to 70 percent of the material budget for the library.

Joan Irvine spoke on Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, noted cleanups and said urine is a major problem. She supported dogs in the park which will get them off the Esplanade and that there are 30,000 dogs not licensed in the City.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file documentation presented by Ms. Irvine. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to extend Ms. Irvine's time. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Irvine suggested looking at the issue of unlicensed dogs and dogs urinating.

Sue Ludwig informed that cities up and down the coast provide for dogs in the parks except for Redondo Beach. She expressed concern with not enforcing code which is revenue to be generated and suggested bringing in outside enforcement. She also said her dogs have to come into the bathroom with her, and she expressed concern with Council succumbing to the people that don't follow the rules.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to extend Ms. Ludwig's time. Motion carried unanimously.

Rolf Strutzenberg, Redondo Beach, stated it is difficult to enforce dogs not being in parks which has to be caught in the act, noted dog poop on his lawn, and said it is difficult to enforce. He also said dog urine can't be cleaned up. He said he wouldn't be in favor of dogs in the park. He also questioned a full-time public works staff fully burdened including amortized pension costs for only \$70K a year.

Commissioner Kate Korman-Soper, Recreation and Parks Commission, spoke on behalf of the Commission, questioned where dogs can walk and supported them being allowed in parks and parkettes.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to extend Ms. Korman-Soper's time. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Korman-Soper supported the MC and suggested allowing dogs in parks as a trial. She also pointed out that the Esplanade is a different environment with more nonresidents using the path.

Wayne Craig noted many dogs in his neighborhood, stated there are good and bad dog owners, and suggested having a pilot program.

Camy Barth, positive reinforcement dog trainer, stated most cities allow dogs in parks and people are not aware of the law in Redondo Beach. She also said there will be bad and good owners and supported dogs in the parks.

Whitney Taylor, Recreation & Parks Commission Chair, stated she is available for questions regarding her park, noted issues include waste within the grass, waste from other animals, noted 56% of residents are pet owners, expressed concern with losing revenue by pushing residents to other cities, and supported a happy medium to allow dogs in specific parks on leash.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Brand closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Horvath thanked the Recreation & Parks Commission, asked why Redondo Beach does not allow dogs in parks, stated it works in Hermosa Beach, stated 74% are against it per emails he received last week, supported allowing people to walk their dogs through the parks, suggested allowing people to walk on the pathways as a pilot program, enforcement needs to be addressed, and suggested a pilot program to see what works and what does not work.

Mayor Brand stated many people don't know where to dispose of waste and suggested using a biodegradable bag which would be thrown out in the gray can.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted benefits of having a dog, noted health benefits, stated code enforcement needs to be addressed, stated 69% responded in favor from a Facebook poll, stated he is in favor of a trial, suggested using just two parks in each district, suggesting locations near condos and where people don't have yards, supported a dog friendly town, believed parkettes are too small for dogs, and supported good signage.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein, City Attorney Webb stated penalties include \$100 plus penalty assessment for not picking up after dogs or entering the park without a leash. He also said retractable leashes are illegal and reviewed the penalty assessment.

Chair Taylor suggested tripling the fine if an owner doesn't clean up after their dog. She also said Public Works needs help regardless of allowing dogs in the park or not.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated the 6-foot dog leash should be prohibited and tying up a dog should be no more than 5 minutes.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, Community Services Director La Rock stated dogs in restrooms are a health code violation, tying up dogs can create issues without the owner being with them, and there would be no way to check if dogs are licensed or not.

Councilmember Emdee stated licensing allows for another tool for the officers, stated she did a survey with 421 people responding with 75% supporting dogs in parks, with the top three being Seaside, Wilderness and Veteran's Park not allowing dogs in parks. She noted society has changed with more people walking dogs and supported having a walkable city with more opportunities to walk dogs. She supported the recommendations of the Recreation & Parks Commission.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated a lot of people oppose using the dog park which needs a lot of work and should be addressed.

Mayor Brand left the meeting at 10:15 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein assumed the seat as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported moving this forward across the board, spreading the issue out around the City, reviewed the potential revenue numbers, supported dogs in parks in certain areas with enforcement/education/licensing, and reviewed the parks.

Councilmember Gran expressed concern with lack of licensing in the City and code enforcement, supported the subcommittee report, suggested just having one park for dogs in the City for a pilot program as a stepped approach, noted waste on the bike path which is an issue, and supported creative ways to encourage licensing.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein encouraged walking dogs and having two parks per district.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to make available for dogs in parks at Lilenthal, Franklin, Andrews, Czuleger, Dale Page, Dominguez, Perry Allison and Vincent. Parkettes to be included are the Redondo Bike Path Parkette, Flagler/Ripley, General Eaton A., Greene, Gregg, Huntington, La Paz, Massena, Matthews, McNeil/Jaycee, Riviera and Townsend; bullet three affirming locations within the park spaces inclusive of areas restricted to dogs; dogs required to be on leash with a 6 foot maximum leash; maximum number of dogs per owner to be four; and dogs are to be licensed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Horvath suggested working towards an online system regarding registration/licensing.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to consider Items N.3, O and P.1 only for the remainder of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

N.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO CONSIDERING DEVELOPMENT OF TREE PRESERVATION POLICIES IN REDONDO BEACH.

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Senior Management Analyst Rob Osborne discussed the Manhattan Beach policies and recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein called for public comment.

Mara Lang spoke on the tree ordinance issue and believed Manhattan Beach has a great ordinance. She suggested continuing the discussion and ask staff to continue doing research. She also suggested that the City have a formal tree ordinance and having a canopy committee made up of residents.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein closed the public comment period.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Ms. Lang noted trees poorly pruned in the Village, and palms are being put in instead of trees which don't provide large canopies. She also spoke on trees in the right-of-way that get cut down for driveways, and further expressed concern with issues with Planning and Public Works not talking to each other in the correct timeframe.

Councilmember Nehrenheim expressed concern with neighbors being in charge of the public right-of-way. He also suggested the neighbors being notified when a tree is to be taken out.

Ms. Lang also supported the City of Encinitas' tree program and more trees on streets.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the tree palette in the City, Urban Forestry Manager Albert Alejandre stated there is a tree palette online, and stated he works with the residents who have a voice in choosing trees. He also explained there is a notice when a tree is to be removed, and stated there is a formal request regarding the removal of a tree.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested setting a goal for having and planting more trees. Manager Alejandre stated the number of removals is minimal and the goal is to plant 100 trees per year. He also said residents can ask to have a tree trimmed in the public right-of-way.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the tree fund balance, Senior Management Analyst Osborne stated approximately \$80K, and believed it tends to gradually increase and only pays for new trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reviewed trees in other cities and suggested looking at other towns that do a good job in keeping mature trees and avoiding cutting them down. He also supported being a tree city and to make this a priority.

In response to Councilmember Horvath regarding the Manhattan Beach ordinance, Senior Management Analyst Osborne noted cleaning up old language and also adding some valuations for trees.

Manager Alejandre suggested a design guideline document rather than an ordinance.

Councilmember Horvath asked about expanding the palette and supported trees that would grow quickly in the right-of-way.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about grants and obtaining trees. Senior Management Analyst Osborne stated grants today are more about installing drought tolerant landscapes rather than grass.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reviewed the four standards, asked about \$2/capita, and suggested moving forward to the program and obtaining grants.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to receive and file the report and direct staff to come back with a report regarding obtaining the tree city standards. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Hoefgen suggested a Budget Response Report at the third meeting in March.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Hoefgen stated the web page has been corrected and stated there will be a followup report in March related to the SB2 grant.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING THE NEXT STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to set April 28 at 3 p.m. for the next Strategic Planning Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein called for public comment.

There being no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein closed the public comment period.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF - NONE

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – NONE

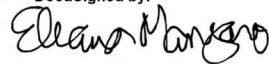
S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT: 11:18 P.M.

ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FORMER REDONDO BEACH COUNCIL MEMBER KAY HORRELL.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 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, March 3, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk