



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, October 29, 2020
Open Session – Adjourned Regular Meeting 1:00 p.m.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 1:00 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
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 Nehrenheim encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced his Community Meeting that took place last night, and announced that the Planning Commission is taking recommendations on the Municipal Code Updates related to zoning/planning and Residential Design Guidelines.

Councilmember Gran encouraged everyone to vote and noted an opening available on the Planning Commission for District 5.

Mayor Brand announced Domestic Violence Month with services available in Redondo Beach.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the agenda and to move Item N2 prior to N1. Motion failed, with the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Horvath, Gran, Emdee
NOES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein
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 backup material for Items N1, N2 and P1. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVITS OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AND POSTING OF THE REVISED AGENDA OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 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

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

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to approve Consent Calendar items H.1 and H.2 Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – NONE

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment and Zoom. There being no 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 REGARDING THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN MISSION, VISION, VALUES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment and Zoom.

Jim Hannon, South Bay Bicycle Coalition, stated the cycling community is expanding with a need to accommodate new modes of transportation, supported the City's multimodal objectives, asked the City to include the Bicycle Master Plan and Beach Cities Living Streets Design Manual into the micro-mobility objectives, asked that the painting on the ground be included within the resurfacing project along with bicycle parking and signage, stated the CIP projects are underway, and suggested looking at large Class I Lane projects within a ten year period. He supported Safe Routes to School, and walking and bicycle routes connecting the neighborhood, and thanked Council for making the City more healthy and active.

Sheila Lamb stated great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community based organizations, and residents geographically connected, reviewed the nine faucets, and encouraged Council to include community engagement goals for the next six month plan and ten year plan. She said the Police Department is leading the way by establishing a community engagement committee which can be one of the goals or from other departments. She said the skateboard plan and community garden plan are excellent examples of resident-generated community improvements.

Mara Lane thanked Council for including the expansion of the urban tree canopy and enacting a tree ordinance on the ten year goals and supported a tree city USA for the City. She also suggested creating a Tree Canopy Committee made up of community members discussing the tree ordinance and other matters involving planting trees and community outreach.

Mark Hansen noted the hard work of the Harbor Commission regarding recommendations for short term, mid term and long term goals, and supported carrying over a location for the white sea bass facility and options for a boat ramp. He also referred to the three to five year goals regarding a plan for Mole B.

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to extend Mr. Hansen's time. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen also supported zero depth entry at the hand launch, mast up dry storage, and to extend the southeastern break wall.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the following comments via eComment:

Deidre Brand referred to the South Bay Park Land Conservancy and supported a tree ordinance and appropriate tree canopy in the City. She suggested forming a subcommittee addressing this issue.

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

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report and said the focus today is the three year goals that fit within the ten year goals.

Facilitator Kathleen Terry spoke on the following:

- Redondo Beach City Council Strategic Planning Session – Shaping Our Future
- Ten year goals - develop three year goals and six month objectives
- Virtual meeting challenges
- Technical check – microphone/video, chat, providing input, Department heads video
- Building consensus – one thumb at a time – reaching an agreement
- Mission/Vision
- Redondo Beach City Core Values
- Where we were/where we are now
- Ten Year Goals (2016-2019)
- Three Year Goals (2016-2019)
- 10 Year Goals October 13, 2020
- Status Review of six month objectives (October-April 2020)
- Agenda for Evening
- Goals and Objectives
- Suggested Process
- Three Year Goals
 - Modernize City Communications Systems: Done
 - Revised Modernize City Communications Systems

- IT Director Chris Benson, Finance Director Marni Ruhland and Community Development Director Brandy Forbes gave a report and discussed the revised modernize City Communications Systems
 - In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, IT Director Chris Benson gave a report on staffing issues.
 - In the response to Councilmember Loewenstein, IT Director Chris Benson clarified the SB fiber network
 - Vitalize the Waterfront, Artesia Corridor, Riviera Village and South Bay Galleria
 - Councilmember Loewenstein asked when the water filling stations would be completed. Public Works Director Semaan stated the City applied for grant and received the funding, and noted a process of installing.
 - Assess, prioritize, and plan for park/open space acquisition and for reconstruction of major City facilities and infrastructure
 - In response to Mayor Brand regarding the Wyland Mural Archiving, Community Services Director John La Rock stated that the Public Art Commission will provide input.
 - Ensure sustainability, livability, and health by completing the General Plan update and by implementing environmentally responsible programs
 - Mayor Brand asked about the regional housing needs allocation and appealing. Community Development Director Forbes explained that this is ongoing.
 - Maintain a high level of public safety with public engagement
 - Chief Kauffman gave an update on the RCC quote.
 - Councilmember Loewenstein stated the Fire Department review with a third party should not be listed as done.
 - Other Objectives
 - Followup on Moss Adams Internal Controls Recommendations
 - Creating Our New Three Year Goals
 - What are your goals for the next 3 years
 - The Process
 - 10 year Goals
 - Past three year goals (2016-2019)
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Community Development:

- Need to be moving on AACAP aspects and revisiting every 6-12 months
- Need to revisit CAP as well
- Create a draft plan for increasing canopy in near and long term
- Revise code to require that new businesses install bike rack parking OR contribute to fund to accomplish that
- Finalize allowances/limits/regulations for potential cannabis retail operation
- Budget-willing - explore improving / enhancing code enforcement

Public Works

- Advocate at state level for vehicle code flexibility for 20mph residential speed limit
- Create some policies to help alleviate so many traffic calming requests. Possibly look into edge line striping on certain roadways automatically? Possibly also create more 1 way streets in NRB?
- Begin signal sync plan for major arterials in concert with surrounding cities
- Municipal Broadband - study potential ways the city can invest / finance and then leverage the SBFN to offer greater services to residents and businesses as well as own the underlying infrastructure.
- Invest in laying conduit on arterials and collectors within the parkways / require analysis?

- Explore modification of curb alignments in RV and on Artesia
- Restroom Facility upgrades in parks / public spaces
- Solar at city facilities
- Clean up muni code related to purchase & acquisition process

Community Services

- Examine ADU evolution as strategy for our Section 8 program
- Need action by LA County related to Beach Bike Path to create separate Pedestrian lanes
- ADA mat for beach access to water
- Explore alternative non-fixed route solutions for local transit / micro-transit
- Partner with BCHD on Streets For All Educational safety component

Economic Development / Infrastructure

- Artesia - code amendments / forward steps for implementation
- Parking studies for both Artesia and RV
- CEQA reviews if necessary?
- Advocate with CA Coastal Commission re: RV parking restrictions
- Online electronic service improvements for city
- Cannabis sales tax?
- Begin exploring trial projects in NRB related to reimagining the neighborhoods

IT

- Staffing and Resources study of IT - need a better functional analysis (as part of succession planning)
- Focus on leveraging SBFN and using any existing infrastructure

Safety

- Look at Public Safety as a whole - what is the future of our Public Safety services
- Explore newer models for service(s) including standalone and combo/cross trained models
- Reconsider no-host ordinance
- Continue Homelessness Strategies and push for expansion of Measure H guidelines to include flexibility for local government / public safety aspects
- Improve drone program and look for other creative applications with other departments
- Conduct an Audit / evaluation of FD (much like we did with PD)

Library

- Should we look into privatizing or using LA County services to expand?

DISCUSSION OF THE THREE YEAR GOALS:

1. Ensure Long-Term Financial Sustainability through Robust Economic Development, Public Infrastructure Investments and Other Strategies.

1. Leasing of the waterfront site
2. Infrastructure improvements, including getting street PCIs above 75, park improvements and expansions (along with deferred maintenance), Move forward Public Amenities Plan i.e. review the options for Seaside Lagoon and other aquatic facilities, Artesia walk streets, skateparks, city facility renovations and construction
3. Implementation of AACAP next steps
 - i. Community engagement regarding South Bay Galleria use of impact fee funding
 - ii. Bring back a report examining the best funding mechanisms for Artesia and Galleria area (EIFD, CFD, BIS, Parking Districts, etc).
4. Finalize allowances/limits/regulations for potential cannabis retail operation and explore options re: local cannabis sales tax
5. Expand usage of broadband for government and residents and business/commerce (SBFN) - Provide status update on SBFN
 - i. Begin signal sync plan for major arterials in concert with surrounding cities
 - ii. Municipal Broadband - study potential ways the city can invest /finance and then leverage the SBFN to offer greater services to residents and businesses as well as own the underlying infrastructure.
 - iii. Invest in laying conduit on arterials and collectors within the parkways/require analysis?
 - iv. Private as well, including 5G
6. Explore modification of curb alignments in Riviera Village (e.g. permanent outdoor dining).
7. Parking study for both Riviera Village, and Coastal Commission dialogue re: coastal parking restrictions.

2. Ensure Environmental Sustainability, Livability, Public Health & Safety by evaluating all policy and operational decisions through the lens of a Climate Emergency.

1. City facilities powered by renewable energy either through investment in solar or Clean Power Alliance
2. Increase tree canopy and tree planting to combat heat island effect/tree ordinance
3. Analyze urban forestation plan for Redondo Beach (i.e. plant palette)
4. Establishment and completion of plan for city water saving measures
 - i. 3-Year: Engage West Basin and Galleria to create plan for recycled water usage at Galleria and North Redondo Beach
 - ii. 1-Year: Re-Engage West Basin and other entities to find recycled water grants
5. Report on status of Climate Action Plan initiatives
6. Work with LA County to implement ADA mat for beach access to water
7. Partner with BCHD on Streets for All Educational safety component
8. Begin exploring trial projects in NRB related to reimagining the neighborhoods
9. Identify sites for Community Gardens

3. Enact an Enhanced Multi-modal Mobility & Connectivity Plan

1. Completion of X% of South Bay Bicycle Plan by 2025, and where appropriate eliminate unattainable tasks
 - i. 3-Year: Engage Galleria to fund study to extend NRB Bike Path to the Galleria.
 - ii. 1-year goal: Extend NRB Bike Path to Inglewood
 - iii. Need action by LA County related to Beach Bike Path to create separate Pedestrian lanes
2. Review the City's Living Streets Policy and consider strengthening it to help alleviate traffic calming requests.
 - i. Making neighborhoods measurably much safer for pedestrians; Reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities by X%.

- ii. Create some policies to help alleviate so many traffic calming requests. Possibly look into edge line striping on certain roadways automatically? Possibly also create more 1 way streets in NRB?
 - iii. Begin signal sync plan for major arterials in concert with surrounding cities
3. Increase the number of charging stations for electric vehicle infrastructure grid by X %
 4. Provide a report on the possibility of revising the code to require that new businesses install bike rack parking OR contribute funding to accomplish that.
 5. Advocate at state level for vehicle code flexibility for 20 mph residential speed limit
 6. Explore alternative non-fixed route solutions for local transit / micro-transit (PLACEHOLDER - CH to expand)
- 4. Create and Execute innovative and cost-effective Public Safety, Health/Well Being and Quality of Life Policy Initiatives**
1. Completion of studies for joining the RCC
 2. Explore shared South Bay Fires Services
 3. Review the City's current Emergency Response Plan, including CERT
 4. Report on status of Public Safety operations and have conversation about its future. (e.g Explore newer models for service(s) including standalone and combo/cross trained models)
 5. Explore ability to contract with LA County or other to provide stroke and mental health services
 6. Reconsider no-host ordinance
 7. Continue Homelessness Strategies and push for expansion of Measure H guidelines to include flexibility for local government / public safety aspects
 8. Expand drone program and look for other creative applications with other departments
 9. Revisit the BRR on FD assessment options
- 5. Streamline Governmental Processes with Improved Efficiency, Resilience, Responsiveness, Transparency & Accessibility**
1. All public facing city services moved to online services (where possible) to cut back on inefficiency and to improve service (i.e. permits, licenses)
 2. Review and updating of outdated and ambiguous city ordinances
 3. Revisit the report to increase code enforcement capabilities through either full or part time assistance
 4. Provide a report for options for either privatizing or using LA County to provide library services in order to achieve savings and/or services.
 5. Provide a report on options for completing a Staffing and Resources study of the IT department
 6. Update muni code related to purchase & acquisition process
 7. 1-Year: Provide a report for options to Create a Business Friendly "Plan Concierge" service for Planning Department.
 8. Provide a report on the process to amend the Charter.
- 6. Create Long-Term Planning, Housing & Equity Policies that preserve or enhance future quality of life for ALL residents**
1. Determine if ADUs can be used as housing for our Section 8 Program
 2. 1-Year: Conclude the GPAC process, get to General Plan Update vote and passage
 3. Fight the state on housing policies that will destroy local authority on zoning decisions.
 4. Develop inclusionary housing policies to fight the rising rents and housing prices

Recess: 3:45 p.m.

Reconvene: 3:55 p.m.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment and Zoom.

Barbara Epstein requested community gardens be included for the next six months of strategic planning including the Community Gardens Committee and tree canopies.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to extend Ms. Epstein's time. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Epstein also requested including connectivity for bike paths and urban trails.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the following comment via eComment:

Mark Nelson discussed the BCHD and CPRA responses incapable of tracking program costs. He suggested the City provide no funding unless the City is willing to step in as a fiduciary for the taxpayer funds.

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

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to continue this item to April 27 at 3 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO EVALUATE THE SEA LAB PROPERTY AT 1021 N. HARBOR DRIVE AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR PALLET SHELTER TEMPORARY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report and discussed the following:

- Potential site for Pallet Shelter Transitional Housing
- County funding availability and CARES Act Fund
- 13-month operation program – 15 units
- Timing restraints regarding county funding
- Direction needed tonight

City Attorney Webb discussed the following:

- County okay with Council direction regarding discretion to end program at any time
- County moved deadline up - properties have to be occupied with at least one individual by December 30
- Money allocated will only cover nine months of the program but believed money can be found for additional four months per Supervisor Han
- Fire cannot identify an alternative site for emergency helicopter landing – Moonstone Park cannot be recommended
- Mr. Leo Pustilnikov, owner at Sea Lab, indicated the City can enter into an agreement for the first six to nine months
- Looked at City control locations

Councilmember Loewenstein believed the City isn't ready for this program, noting North and South Redondo impacts and City division issues, people not wanting it in their neighborhood, and also not being able to talk to the landowner.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein to table this and the directive from the October 20 meeting to make the Kingsdale location for six months and Moonstone Park for six months afterwards and to look for alternative locations outside the City. Motion failed with no second.

Mayor Brand noted a unanimous vote last week, questioned the ownership of the Sea Lab, noted impacts taking place such as the homeless living on park strips, and stated there is no good site.

Councilmember Horvath stated there will never be a good time for this, and noted people feel strongly both ways. He pointed out that Council focuses on ensuring public safety, public health and quality of life, trying to prevent issues from ever coming to the City, noted there is an issue and the City is working on it proactively. He supported the ability to shut it down if it doesn't work out, he did not believe there is division, stated there is really no good site, and suggested trying it out and seeing how it works. He also said he is open to exploring the program at the Sea Lab as a start and did not support tabling this item.

In response to Mayor Brand, Public Works Director Semaan stated Public Works needs to do a site prep first and a timeframe is unknown at this time, and time for the Kingsdale site is getting very constraint. He also said the pallet unit availability is still unknown, noting there are many variables.

Mr. Leo Pustilnikov reviewed the ownership being a sole member LLC, and the 25,000 square feet is a dirt lot in the SW corner of the site which is available and is ready to go. He also explained there was no deal for \$2M per acre and the City did not sign any agreement for this, and pointed out the proposed site should be ready to go in the next month. He also explained that there were many nonbinding letters.

Councilmember Gran supported the pilot program moving forward, and supported Kingsdale for six months, said he reached out to Mr. Leo Pustilnikov and suggested looking at the site. However, the project solves only one small piece for the homeless. He also thanked Mr. Pustilnikov for offering the site.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Mr. Pustilnikov said he is willing to provide ½ acre of land for a temporary emergency homeless shelter. He also said the City needs to provide him indemnification and insurance.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported moving forward with the project.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment and Zoom.

Ronson Chu noted many residents support the shelters but do not attend Council meetings, noted the shelters will make the homeless issues more safe, and supported the program moving forward.

Zein Obagi Jr. expressed concern with Mr. Pustilnikov not respecting the Mayor and did not support the City working with him for this project, noted support from Supervisor Hahn, and supported the Mayor and Councilmembers leadership and addressing concerns and accommodations.

Dennis Oellers supported a six-month agreement which will allow time to investigate other possibilities, stated the Sea Lab site is on the bike path which will be impactive and said it's an inappropriate location.

Mark Hansen thanked Mr. Pustilnikov for making the outreach, sponsoring the boat parade and free space for the waterfront education program. He did not support a homeless shelter in the waterfront or at the Sea Lab, noted the marine layer and weather issue, King Harbor Youth Foundation presented a letter of concern, and suggested referring this to the Harbor Commission for their input.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim to use the Kingsdale site for the first six months and look elsewhere afterwards including the Sea Lab location, Beach Cities Health District, and any other locations. Motion failed with no second.

Councilmember Emdee stated Council is just asking staff to look at the sites and then Council can make a decision. She also said there has always been a divide between north and south and said 40% want to do something, 40% don't and 20% "not in my backyard." She suggested looking at all the different options at this point.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to direct staff to evaluate the Sea Lab property at 1021 N. Harbor Drive as a possible alternative site for pallet shelter temporary transitional housing.

Public Works Director Semaan and City Attorney Webb reviewed the security for the site.

Councilmember Loewenstein did not support the location which is not big enough and expressed concern with impacts to residents.

City Manager Hoefgen pointed out that a 4/5 budget resolution will be needed to appropriate the funds to make the program work.

City Attorney Webb reviewed all documents that will come back to Council on the 10th or 17th.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: Loewenstein

ABSENT: None

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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, November 10, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, via teleconference. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk