



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m. - CANCELLED
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 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 6:00 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 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 Nehrenheim wished everyone a happy new year, announced his Community Meeting taking place on January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and encouraged people to visit the Riviera Village with retailers open on sidewalks.

Councilmember Loewenstein wished everyone a happy new year and announced his Community Meeting taking place on January 14, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Horvath wished everyone a happy new year, announced his Community Meeting taking place on January 21, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and thanked staff regarding the pallet homeless shelter now being up and running at full capacity.

Councilmember Gran wished everyone a happy new year, announced his Community Meeting on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and thanked staff and Harbor Interfaith for the pallet shelter program now up and running.

Councilmember Emdee thanked staff for all their help over the holidays and stated the pallet shelter program is now up and running. She also said the State Auditor came out with a report regarding the state of the affordable housing process.

Mayor Brand also wished everyone a happy new year, stated the hospitals are full with COVID patients and said it is important to be very careful. He also announced his Facebook Live meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Director of Emergency Services for the Los Angeles County.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with no objections.

F. AGENCY RECESS: 6:09 p.m.

F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

F.2. REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: ANGELICA ZAVALA, HOUSING SUPERVISOR

F.3. PARKING AUTHORITY – REGULAR MEETING – CANCELLED

CONTACT: STEPHEN PROUD, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

RECONVENE: 6:17 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
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file additional materials for Item J1. 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 AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2021

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. SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

B. SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 27043-27069 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,064.65, PD. 12/11/2020

DIRECT DEPOSIT 229769-230222 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,795,097.58, PD. 12/11/2020

CHECKS 27070-27070 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,131.59, PD. 12/11/2020

DIRECT DEPOSIT 230223-230226 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,852.83, PD. 12/11/2020

EFT/ACH \$7,477.52, PD. 11/27/2020 (PP2024)

EFT/ACH \$354,103.83, PD. 12/3/2020 (PP2024)

EFT/ACH \$7,477.52, PD. 12/11/2020 (PP2025)

EFT/ACH \$352,976.07, PD. 12/14/2020 (PP2025)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 97175-97335 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,845,083.99

EFT CALPERS MEDICAL INSURANCE \$339,151.62

EFT BARINGS MULTIFAMILY CAPITAL \$315,863.00

DIRECT DEPOSIT 100004299-100004408 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,532.07, PD. 1/4/2020

REPLACEMENT DEMAND 97174

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.5. EXCUSE ABSENCES OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.6. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH KEYSER MARSTON ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR THE TERM NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - OCTOBER 31, 2022

CONTACT: ANGELICA ZAVALA, HOUSING SUPERVISOR

H.7. PULLED BY STAFF.

Mayor Brand called for public comment viz Zoom and eComment. 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 through H.6. 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.

Holly Osborne, District 5, noted excerpts from an August New York Times article on how different areas of some cities were hotter or cooler based on the number of trees and green areas. She said the difference in temperature could be as much as 4 degrees on average of 8 to 9 degrees in extreme. She said the differences in these areas were traced back to redline policies of the 1930's and often the hottest areas of the cities were in poorer neighborhoods of people of color, with higher death rates and more health problems. She noted the article also pointed out temperature differences in cities all over the United States. She also noted National Geographics having a similar article on the importance of trees and inequities in cities. She expressed concern with a threatening policy in the future destroying the health of the neighborhoods with concretization. She said the policies are favorable to builders and speculators zeroing in on R1 zones, and said it is important to keep front yards where people can plant trees.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to extend Ms. Osborne's time. Motion carried unanimously, with no objections.

Ms. Osborne asked that Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi introduce legislation that allows cities to preserve plantable areas and medians and oppose SB9 and SB10 and also pointed out that Senator Ben Allen is Chairman of the Environmental Committee.

Zein Obagi Jr. expressed concern with Council not looking out for North Redondo, and thanked Lyla Omora Garcia who got people into housing, and also asked that the City Attorney look into the agreements with Spectrum and Frontier relative to the maintenance and organization of their utility cords.

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

Maggie Healey supported a community garden in Redondo Beach and urged Council not to provide any resources to the South Bay Parkland Conservancy without fully vetting that organization. She reviewed her concerns with the Conservancy and asked that the organization's activities be reviewed over the past three or more years with transparency to the community.

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

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Loewenstein disclosed discussions with the public.

Councilmember Horvath disclosed discussions with staff.

Councilmember Gran disclosed discussions with staff.

Mayor Brand disclosed discussions with staff.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ALLOCATION OF CDBG-CV3 FUNDS

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Open Public Hearing, take testimony;**
- 2. Close Public Hearing; and**
- 3. Approve the proposed substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 annual action plans**

CONTACT: LAURIE KOIKE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously, with no objections.

Interim Community Services Director Laurie Koike gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following:

- CDBG-CV3 Funds – allocation for \$453,481 approve by Council on October 6, 2020
 - \$300,000 for creation and management of temporary emergency shelters; addition of a housing navigator for North Redondo
 - \$110,000 for short-term assistance to small businesses through COVID-19 reimbursement grants;
 - \$43,481 for additional funds for increased planning and administrative costs
- Regular CDBG Funds
 - Reallocation of regular and previously unallocated CDBG program funds

- Procedure

In response to Mayor Brand regarding \$75K available for allocations, Interim Community Services Director Laurie Koike stated \$30K of the \$75K will be used for the leasing of five rooms for a period of six months, with a remaining balance of \$45K.

In response to Mayor Brand, Finance Director Ruhland stated that CDBG funds do not have a December 30 deadline, which was for the state Cares Act funding.

Mayor Brand suggested allocating \$45K to Harbor Interfaith specifically for Redondo Beach residences experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported Harbor Interfaith and helping those in need of housing.

Councilmember Emdee hesitated putting the entire amount towards a certain vendor due to things evolving and other vendors may need help.

Councilmember Horvath asked if there is anything specific regarding using the money for reimbursement.

City Manager Hoefgen stated the monies were left unallocated, noting three years to spend the monies. He suggested discussions with Harbor Interfaith to verify that they have capacity and ability to service the City. He also expressed concern with restricting the City which could create a problem later by only allocating the monies to one organization.

Councilmember Horvath also suggested costs going towards administrative help in processing information, filling out applications and paperwork.

Interim Community Services Director Laurie Koike stated staff will be coming back in a few months with the additional public service agencies and request for annual process. She also said working for one specific organization would require a proposal on how the funds would be used.

Mayor Brand suggested more funding will be coming in the next few months as well and said the \$45K is available now and should be used.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported Lila Omura who is very efficient and Harbor Interfaith is a worthwhile organization for funding. He also asked about the funding of a second housing coordinator to do the paperwork.

Consultant Damien Delaney suggested an email from Harbor Interfaith regarding how they would use the \$45K. He also said they are following Congress regarding approval of another stimulus package including state and local government.

Councilmember Horvath believed that the second housing coordinator was to focus on the same things that Lila Omura does specific to North Redondo.

Mayor Brand stated Lila Omura is covering both North and South Redondo without a second coordinator.

City Manager Hoefgen stated there have been discussions with Harbor Interfaith regarding a housing navigator for North Redondo and are waiting to hear back regarding staffing a position.

Councilmember Nehrenheim pointed out that Lila Omura has a partner with plenty of people in the background doing the paperwork.

Councilmember Emdee stated that Harbor Interfaith backed out of the five apartments for rental and now the City will have to go through another vendor. She said in addition, someone will need to do a census of all the homeless people in Redondo Beach. She said other vendors will be online and supported flexibility on the funding.

Mayor Brand informed that the City of Bellflower hired their own firm to do a more accurate homeless count.

City Attorney Webb recommended Council allocating the \$45K but not to a particular vendor, and said Lila Omura has become effective due to everything done over the last year and a half (reviewed). He didn't recommend Path but suggested City Net to do a homeless census.

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

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously, with no objections.

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to allocate the \$45K to homeless issues in Redondo Beach, and to consider substantial amendments to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plans for reallocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and allocation of CDBG-CV3 Funds. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – NONE

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION – NONE

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

O.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY'S LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO COVID-19
CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION No. CC-2101-001, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN ISSUING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PUBLIC ORDERS PERTAINING TO COVID-19 UNDER THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.
CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report and discussed the following:

- Situation with the pandemic in Southern California has significantly worsened
- Stay at Home Order still in place at the state level
- ICU capacity dangerously low
- Bracing for more spikes
- Additional cases – additional community spread
- New developments – limited access to vaccines
- Working closely with Beach Cities Health District
- Assist with education, further distribution of vaccines
- Cases in LA County and the City

- Categories for individuals that can receive the vaccine

Mayor Brand advised that Lila Omura should be given priority for a COVID vaccination.

Jacqueline Sun, Beach Cities Health District, gave an update on the numbers as follows:

- Additional 13,512 cases in LA County today with 224 deaths
- Since the beginning of November, sharp increase in cases and deaths
- 400,000 cases in LA County beginning of December, 800,000 cases by the end of December
- Hospitalization and ICU's impacted
- 7,989 people hospitalized in LA County
- Metrics prior to the spike and current surge
- Prioritization of the vaccines
 - Tier 1 – in progress
 - Tier 2 – in progress (Lila)
 - Tier 3 – in progress
 - Tier 1 - phases 1b and 1c

Tom Bakaly, Beach Cities Health District, gave a report and discussed the following:

- Draft of the vaccination strategy
- Goal – provide education and accurate information regarding the vaccine
- Resources in the Beach Cities
- Strategies
- Medical points of dispensing
- Testing
- Tiers and phases
 - 1A – health care workers – clinics, pharmacies, closed medical points of dispensing
 - 1B – older adults – mobile strike teams helping with services
 - 1C – other essential workers – closed medical points of dispensing, pharmacies
 - Phase 2 – general public – clinics and pharmacies, super pods
- Additional information – Beach Cities Health District website
- Safe in the South Bay Panel – February 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report on the following:

- Reduce the fees for parking citations charged during street sweeping – Council gave direction to explore reducing the fine to \$25 starting tomorrow – direct cost to City of \$50K to \$60K per month – this will take place on a month only – Council can review on a month-to-month basis
- Suspend parking enforcement completely would create more problems and a larger cost
- Resolution will be brought back to next week's meeting

In response to Mayor Brand, City Manager Hoefgen stated with the reduction of \$25 for the entire violation, the City would only receive \$12, reducing the amount of monies the City would receive from parking violations by two-thirds.

In response to Mayor Brand regarding problems with the rainstorm, Public Works Director Semaan reviewed the impacts from rain and flooding, clogging the catch basins and/or into the screens, backing up and creating flooding issues.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he received a Moderna vaccine last week which was quick and painless and encouraged everyone to take the vaccine.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the City's allotment for vaccines, Fire Chief Metzger explained the process of administering vaccines and stated the Fire Department will be prepared to step in as needed.

Chief of Police Kauffman stated the Police Department has been speaking with the local EMS agency and believed that vaccines will take place in February, and there is authorization to allow the Fire Department to receive the dosage and administer to the Police Department.

Ms. Sun stated the Police Department is categorized in Tier 1B under the frontline essentials, and Fire is in Tier 1A due to health care workers. She also said Lila Omura would be categorized in Tier 2 of 1A, which is above the Police in prioritization.

In response to Mayor Brand, Chief Metzger stated the Fire Department would be administering the Moderna vaccine. He explained that the vaccine is allocated in vials and a rounded up estimate for the number of people or vials to be provided registered for any particular day. He said there would always be some surplus, since it is being rounded up. He also said Moderna is a two-dose series spaced 21 days apart, and noted an 83% participation rate in the Fire Department.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the phases, Ms. Sun stated the County Health Department determines who is in a particular tier with a distinct shift over to 1B which is a different population.

Mr. Bakaly said there can be some overlap and it is important to move through the phases.

Councilmember Nehrenheim also pointed out that there is a throw out factor with the vaccine going bad after opening the bottle which has to be used the same day. He also supported Mayor Brand live on Facebook on Thursdays at 6 p.m. with Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill and said it is important to understand what is happening to the EMS system, the management and impacts. He further referred to parking enforcement during street sweeping and suggested continuing with enforcement but not ticketing unless there is an issue on a street.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated residents are concerned with the parking enforcement taking place during a pandemic, and cars having to be moved all day.

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

In response to Councilmember Emdee, City Manager Hoefgen stated the \$50K would be reduced revenue to the General Fund for parking enforcement which will need to be accounted for in the midyear budget report.

City Manager Hoefgen reviewed items for the January 12, 2021 City Council meeting to include both Closed Session and Open Session items, labor agreements with CEA and PSA employee groups, and compensation plan for management confidential employees. He also said a followup report will be included seeking Council input related to the Public Amenities Plan, and followup report and parameters for development of the inclusionary housing.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked Public Works for their help with the holiday lights in Torrance.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked people to stay safe and said help is coming.

Mayor Brand noted two complaints about the parking meter lights on the Esplanade and asked that they be turned down or off in the evening. Chief Kauffman stated there is no ability to dim them or shut them off but asked that the complaints be sent to him for review and possible mitigation.

R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 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, January 12, 2021, 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