



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference, an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Nehrenheim at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Nehrenheim
Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand
Officials Present: Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION – NONE

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS – NONE

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – NONE

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

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at 4:31 p.m.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager
Stephen Proud, Waterfront and Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

100 Fisherman's Wharf, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(portions of APN's: 7505-002-904)

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Robert Resnick, RDR Properties

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

F.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager
Stephen Proud, Waterfront and Economic Development Director

PROPERTY:

160 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(portion of APN: 7505-002-932)

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Terry Turk, Polly's on the Pier

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION** - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).

Two potential cases

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

Name of case:

City of Redondo Beach, City of Hermosa Beach v. California State Water Resources Control Board

Case Number: 20STCP03193

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to recess at 4:31 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Joe Hoefgen, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Manager Witzansky, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Public Works Director Ted Semaan, City Engineer Andy Winje, and Outside Legal Counsel Lisa Bond. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 6:00 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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS – NO REPORTABLE ACTION

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. to a regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

A. CALL 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 Chambers, 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

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 Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, announced his Community Meeting that took place last week regarding testing for COVID which is being done at Exer Urgent Care at PCH and Knob Hill, and on PCH and Pearl.

Councilmember Loewenstein wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year, and announced his District 2 Community Meeting taking place this Thursday on December 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom with the Beach Cities Health District and updates on COVID.

Councilmember Horvath announced his Community Meeting take place this Thursday on December 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. discussing the Old Franklin Elementary School site with guest Friendship Foundation.

Councilmember Gran announced his special Community Meeting taking place last night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. discussing the homeless shelter and thanked City Attorney Webb and Councilmember Horvath for their help. He also wished everyone a great 2021.

Councilmember Emdee wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Boxing Day; suggested providing a list where people can get tested; requested the results of the survey done at Councilmember Nehrenheim's meeting, supported the plans for the Friendship Circle; stated Mr. Mendoza is no longer the Postmaster for the Redondo Beach Post Office and suggested having a specialist come in to address the mismanagement.

Mayor Brand encouraged everyone to shop local and support the businesses, noted COVID numbers are hitting high levels and the hospitals are being impacted, announced his Facebook Live tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. with an ER physician from Torrance Memorial, and shared a picture of the City's Christmas tree and the lighted Menorah.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

F. AGENCY RECESS: 6:13 P.M.

**F.1 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY
CONTACT: ANGELICA ZAVALA, HOUSING SUPERVISOR**

RECONVENE: 6:20 P.M.

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

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file additional materials for Items H.2, J.1, and O.1. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 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. JULY 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

B. AUGUST 4, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING

C. AUGUST 11, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 27019-27042 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,065.66, PD. 11/27/2020 DIRECT DEPOSIT 229307-229768 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,795,796.58, PD. 11/27/2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 96963-97173 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,243,279.83

EFT BHG STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS, INC. \$1,285,000.00

EFT PRUDENTIAL ASSIGNED SETTLEMENT SERVICES CORPORATION \$1,000,000.00

EFT AGNEW AND BRUSAVICH \$2,215,000.00

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

1. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ACCESS DMV DATABASE TO OBTAIN VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION FOR PROCESSING PARKING TICKETS AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE TERM OF DECEMBER 15, 2020 TO DECEMBER 14, 2022.

2. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ECOHERO SHOW LLC FOR EDUCATIONAL SHOWS REGARDING RECYCLING, USED OIL AND FOOD WASTE FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,800 FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 15, 2020 TO DECEMBER 14, 2021, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS.

3. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR FOR DATA EXCHANGE OF ASSESSOR RECORDS AT NO COST TO THE CITY UNTIL TERMINATED.

CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.6. EXCUSE ABSENCES OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS**
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK
- H.7. APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND ARCHITECTURAL MAILBOXES, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE PREMISES AT 123 WEST TORRANCE BLVD., SUITE #201 AND 119 WEST TORRANCE BLVD., SUITE #6 FOR GENERAL OFFICE USE FOR THE MONTHLY BASE RENT OF \$4,297.80 FOR A MONTH-TO MONTH TERM**
CONTACT: STEPHEN PROUD, WATERFRONT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
- H.8. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT 2021 POLICE VEHICLES FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR USE BY THE FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS' DIVISION FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$317,478.**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.9. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SEEDS OF JOY INC. TO CONDUCT CHILD ENRICHMENT USER PAY CLASSES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 15, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2022**
CONTACT: LAURIE KOIKE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
- H.10. APPROVE HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN AND JENNIFER RUSH, OWNERS, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 709 S. BROADWAY FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 15, 2020 FOR THE TERM OF 10 YEARS WITH AUTOMATIC RENEWAL EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER**
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
- H.11. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2012-096, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,820 FOR 190TH STREET KING HARBOR ENTRY SIGN AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 10160/41200**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.12. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE EASEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR THE DOMINGUEZ PARK PIPELINE RECEIVER PROJECT FOR A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$90,000 PAID TO THE CITY BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO EXTEND THE FIXED TERM TO APRIL 30, 2021 FOLLOWED BY TWO OPTIONAL ONE MONTH EXTENSIONS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FEES**
CONTACT: LAURIE KOIKE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
- H.13. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH TELECOM LAW FIRM, P.C. FOR GENERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 3, 2020 - DECEMBER 2, 2021 WITH TWO AUTOMATIC TERM RENEWALS AND A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$120,000**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.14. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY TREASURER'S FIRST QUARTER 2020-2021 REPORT.**
CONTACT: STEVEN DIELS, CITY TREASURER
- H.15. APPROVE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE JOINT TRANSACTION TO CONTRACT A HOMELESSNESS SERVICES PROVIDER FOR THE**

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SHELTER AND THE CITY'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION OF \$30,845.17 OF CDBG CARES-CV FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$185,071 FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 15, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

CONTACT: LAURIE KOIKE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment and Zoom.

City Clerk Manzano read the follow comment via eComment:

Roger Carlson referred to Item H.12 and requested that the Gas Company be required to restore the erosion left in the hillside on the north side of the project from the 190th street work.

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.15. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano 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.

Eugene Solomon, Redondo Beach, spoke on a discussion with an actuary at the Budget and Finance Commission regarding Workers Comp and the Fire Department and requested that Council review a letter regarding spending \$1500 for an actuary study performed regarding the Workers Compensation numbers.

Zein Obagi Jr., expressed concern with having parking enforcement during COVID and the Stay at Home orders, and also noted difficulty with parking in District 4 and being ticketed immediately.

Administrative Specialist Khatirah Nazif read the following comments via eComment:

Joseph Schwar asked City Council to consider suspending enforcement of street sweeping parking violations at least until the end of the current state order.

Michael Sachs asked City Council to suspend street enforcement until after the Stay at Home order.

Michelle Cohens asked about the requirement of having at least one individual house in the shelter by December 1 which has not happened at Kingsdale, and asked if the homeless now go to Seaside Lagoon.

Concerned sister Part One: Case #20-620X – stated her brother was stabbed in his car at Inglewood and Rockefeller in a car jacking or attempted murder. She thanked the police for their response and the medical staff, asked about keeping all residents safe from these crimes, and expressed concern with defunding the police and lack of information being provided to the community.

Concerned brother-in-law Part Two: Case #20-620X – expressed concern with the new LA County District Attorney George Gascon and what will be done to ensure criminals like his brother's attacker never be let out again and to receive the consequences deserved. He also asked how residents can fight back against criminals, who are responsible with letting criminals loose, and reviewed other cases.

Brianna Egan asked to have a presentation to the City Council details of the proposed community garden in January 2021. She also expressed interest regarding the Council allocating any surplus budget in 2020 towards a community garden.

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 REGARDING CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS FOR DRAINAGE AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON BERYL STREET FROM PROSPECT AVENUE TO FLAGLER LANE, JOB NO. 41130.

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City Engineer Andy Winje gave a report and discussed the following:

- Project Overview
 - Beryl from Prospect Avenue to Flagler Lane
 - Street Rehabilitation
 - Incorporate Living Street Design Principles
 - Drainage Improvements
- Concept Overview
- Eastern End Widening
- Concrete Improvements
- Curb Bulb-Outs
- Fiscal Impact
- Recommendation

In response to Mayor Brand, Public Works Director Semaan believed the project will be successful from a thru lane capacity and the turning lane capacities will also be maintained.

Mayor Brand stated the stop signs installed on Torrance Boulevard and Catalina have been very successful and have been a huge improvement.

Councilmember Horvath thanked staff regarding the project and stated the plan should be successful. He also stated the area is high pedestrian usage and also noted water ponding. He said the key items include bulb outs on the south side of Harkness going into the driveway into Von's parking lot, and recommended bulb outs at the Flagler corner as well to help promote safe crossing on the streets. He also suggested blinking lights within the pedestrian crossing with a stop sign button on either side.

Councilmember Emdee stated the area is very congested, supported the bulb outs on both sides, supported the bike lanes, and supported the configuration of the space at the eastern end widening.

In response to Mayor Brand, City Engineer Winje stated the additional bulb outs would not be a huge expense and said this can be considered.

Mayor Brand stated it is important to wear something at night that allows for better visibility.

Councilmember Loewenstein also supported the bulb outs on both sides and also asked about having planters. City Engineer Winje stated there is an opportunity for planting and green street features.

Councilmember Loewenstein encouraged a special type of paint at Harkness and Beryl, noting a lot of people cross there and accidents have taken place. He also suggested adding reflectors in between the main travel lanes and the bike lanes. He expressed concern with removing the trees and planting saplings as replacements which will take a long time to grow.

Public Works Director Semaan stated the trees have overgrown the area they were sitting in and have become very problematic, uplifting the sidewalk which may need to be removed and replaced.

Mayor Brand suggested replacing the trees with other trees instead of saplings.

Public Works Director Semaan stated staff can look at the 36-inch and 48-inch box trees which are considerably larger.

Councilmember Gran stated the street is well-traveled and supported the project moving forward and suggested using larger trees as a replacement.

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

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to approve conceptual designs for drainage and street improvements on Beryl Street from Prospect Avenue to Flagler Lane, Job No. 41130, to include 36 to 48 inch box trees as replacements, bulb outs on both sides including at the Flagler corner, blinking lights within the pedestrian crossing with a stop sign button on either side, a special type of paint at Harkness and Beryl, and adding reflectors in between the main travel lanes and the bike lanes. 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 REGARDING COLLABORATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM.

ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2012-097, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET FOR THE LEASING OF FIVE APARTMENTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

APPROVE LEASE AND ADDENDUMS FOR FIVE APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 126 WEST D STREET, WILMINGTON CALIFORNIA 90744 BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND SWAMI INTERNATIONAL TO HOUSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN REDONDO BEACH.

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb gave a followup report and discussed the following:

- Council direction

- Homeless court began in September
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling
- Locate housing for Redondo Beach residents experiencing homelessness in other cities within service provider area A
- Location found in Wilmington

Joy Abaquin, Quality of Life Prosecutor, gave a report on the Wilmington location and discussed the following:

- Toured the building – five rooms were available but have since been taken
- Shared kitchen, laundry room and bathrooms/showers
- Temporarily housed until permanent housing can be made available
- Swami International will make two rooms available by January 1 and two more at the end of January
- City Attorney Webb stated lease documents were requested after the tour – liability an area of concern
- Set aside \$300K for the pallet shelter
- Only six month program
- Total cost was \$185K
- Council approved the letter of agreement with the county
- \$115K remaining
- \$35K will be needed to contract for the additional housing navigator to focus solely on North Redondo
- Ability for Mayor to execute up to five lease agreements as they become available
- Cost is \$750/month – total \$30K – come from the CDBG funds
- Security for people experiencing homelessness but not the same level of security put into pallets

Councilmember Emdee thanked everyone involved including Lila Omura of Harbor Interfaith Services, Quality of Life Prosecutor Joy Abaquin, and the police in finding a solution so quickly and finding a place for the homeless.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported Harbor Interfaith and the management who get things done.

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

In response to Mayor Brand, City Attorney Webb explained that Harbor Interfaith will have services available going forward to help the homeless.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to adopt by 4/5 vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2012-097, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, modifying the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget for the leasing of five apartments to house people experiencing homelessness in the City of Redondo Beach and approve lease and addendums for five apartments located at 126 West D Street, Wilmington, California 90744 between the City of Redondo Beach and Swami International to house people experiencing homelessness in Redondo Beach. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Manzano read by title only Resolution No. CC-2012-097.

N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020.
CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Marni Ruhland gave a report and discussed the following:

- Audit completed for FY 19/20 – resulting reports in the packet
- General Fund ending balance in November estimated to be about \$500K – CAFR final amount \$700K
- Received an unmodified clean opinion from auditors – no findings

Bryan Gruber, CPA, of LSL CPA's, gave a report and discussed the following:

- Conducted financial audit and financial statements
- Purpose – opinion on financial statements – relied upon, accurate and in accordance with GAAP
- Comply with financial standards – upon understanding of the City's internal controls, policies and procedures
- Conducted risk assessment
- Performed audit and procedures
- Completed audited
- No internal control issues
- Successful audit

Mayor Brand asked about the reserve funds. Finance Director Ruhland explained that the reserve funds include Contingency Reserve at 8.33% at \$7.5M, CalPERS Reserve Fund at \$6.5M, Capital Projects Fund at \$2M, two newer capital project funds at \$2.3M, with a total of \$18.5M which is close to 20% of the actual General Fund expenditures. She also noted internal service funds prefunding of equipment or vehicles close to another \$15M.

Mayor Brand asked about the Tidelands Fund. Finance Director Ruhland stated this cannot be used since it is under the trust agreement with the state but the Uplands Fund could be considered which has a balance of \$3M. She also said the Tidelands Fund balance is close to \$15M.

Councilmember Gran thanked Mr. Gruber and Finance Director Ruhland and the Budget and Finance Commission for their work.

In response to Mayor Brand, City Manager Hoefgen stated the Open Space Acquisition Fund has a balance of \$1.2M.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked about the \$13M with carryover in the Vehicle Replacement Fund, noting the budget passed last year had an estimated fund balance by the end of the FY of \$9.2M, and asked about the difference. Finance Director Ruhland explained a difference between what is presented in the budget for fund balances excludes the liabilities for pension or retiree insurance.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky pointed out that a few purchases this year were suspended as part of the budget balancing technique and some should come back online.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Mr. Gruber said they make sure that expenditures are being charged to a fund correctly for restricted funds and special revenue funds.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated that the Moss Adams report called out that the City have a third party collect revenue at a third party level and asked if this was audited. Mr. Gruber stated their audit on a rotational basis looks at different levels and cash controls and procedures. He also recommended internal reviews and auditing.

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

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file the report. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Hoefgen stated information was sent to Council as a followup to the Strategic Planning Session and asked Council to provide ranking and priority for items within each of the goals.

O.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY'S LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO COVID-19

CONSIDER TO ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2012-095, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S BANNING OF OUTDOOR DINING AND STATE'S DECISION AS IT PERTAINS TO OUTDOOR DINING
CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report and discussed the following:

- Stay at Home Order
- County superseded by state action
- Restrictions in place – will remain in effect at least until December 27
- Formula in place by the state if ICU capacity falls below 15% - new restrictions go into effect
- Restaurants can now only do delivery, carry out and drive through
- Outdoor playground restrictions lifted by the state
- Personal care services prohibited to operate
- Malls at 20% capacity
- Grocery stores 35% capacity
- Gyms can have outdoor operations at 50% capacity
- Hotels cannot accept reservations for nonessential travel
- Case counts continue to go up – 1161 cases of COVID19 in Redondo Beach
- Resolution expressing support for outdoor dining and encouraging residents to shop locally
- Relax parking enforcement regarding street sweeping

Public Works Director Semaan explained there is debris that needs to be cleaned up which is in the gutter area where the sweepers can pick it up when cars are not parked there. He said it is important to make sure the roadways remain clean, otherwise, the contract will be sweeping on the outside of the cars which is closer to the middle of the street. He also reviewed other cities regarding their citation process and said the City of Hermosa Beach has relaxed their citation on street sweeping, the City of Torrance never came back and started their citation process, and the cities of Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Lawndale and Gardena continue to cite for street sweeping.

Mayor Brand suggested at least relaxing the ticketing right at the beginning of the day and supported the City of Torrance with no citing at this point.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he has received complaints and inquires and said this is a big issue for people. He pointed out that Redondo Beach has a very low infection rate with COVID and assumed because people are following Safer at Home which should be promoted and more accommodating. He also asked about the vaccine plan.

City Manager Hoefgen stated the City has had conversations with the LA County Public Health Department regarding the vaccine distribution, and internal discussions relative to human resources.

Police Chief Keith Kauffman explained that the Los Angeles County and Chiefs of Police Association have worked with the local EMS Agency and will set up specific sites for police and fire to obtain vaccines.

Fire Chief Metzger stated that staff has been in touch with the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency and Little Company of Mary and have established a process for the firefighters and paramedics to get vaccinated on the shifts they will be working.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked about Judge Chalfant's statement regarding the county not extending the ban on outdoor dining past the middle of this month without presenting more data. Assistant City Attorney Park believed Judge Chalfant asked for more data on December 2 before the preliminary injunction hearing was heard and after the hearing on December 8 he issued the preliminary injunction because the party could not provide sufficient data to support their argument.

City Manager Hoefgen stated the state's action superseded Judge Chalfant's ruling in LA County but in the meantime the state took action to ban outdoor dining.

City Attorney Webb explained that the county order will expire on its own and the county would have to decide if they wanted to impose a new ban if the state ban goes away.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein regarding the four restaurants in Manhattan Beach remaining open for outdoor dining, he said there were attempted workarounds but pointed out that the proposed resolution opposes both the county and state ban as it pertains to outdoor dining.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated this has been a very dry year regarding rain and the need for street sweeping and believed it is important to be more sensitive to the residents regarding enforcement of street sweeping. He suggested suspending it for awhile and then to come back if there is a problem.

Councilmember Emdee noted complaints when there was not enforcement and people never moving their cars and blocking sewers when it rains.

City Manager Hoefgen stated specific areas could be enforced but it may cause confusion.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported reducing the fines, supported people staying at home since numbers are rising, expressed concern with people not having jobs and not being able to pay the fines, and noted the weather has been extremely dry with not much impacts from rain right now.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated people are inconvenienced for seven to eight hours, pointed out that the fine suspension would only be for six weeks and people will be home over the holidays, not working and staying at home. He also expressed concern with people not finding a parking space and supported being more resident friendly.

Councilmember Horvath noted Council is resident friendly and said he has not been receiving complaints. He also said the message would not be discontinuing enforcement but parking enforcement has administrative discretion to either relax their enforcement or administratively take on appeal extenuating circumstances. He also believed suspending and not suspending on a regular basis will get more confusing, and lowering the fee would have to be explored.

City Manager Hoefgen clarified that as the street sweeper passes through, there is a parking enforcement officer following them, who is not going out at the moment the parking restriction is in effect.

Mayor Brand noted the ticketing has started at 8 a.m.

In response to Councilmember Gran, City Manager Hoefgen stated it would be difficult to write warnings on a citywide basis. He also said an ad could be put in the paper regarding the parking enforcement.

In response to Councilmember Gran, Public Works Director Semaan stated this is the latter part of fall and beginning winter with the most vegetation drop from the deciduous trees during this period.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding the Stay at Home order, City Manager Hoefgen stated it is all driven by the ICU capacity at the state level and it is unlikely the restriction will be lifted on December 27.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding the Resolution, City Attorney Webb explained it is an official statement of the policy and if passed, the Council is in opposition to the LA County ban on outdoor dining and the statewide as it applies to outdoor dining. He also said a number of cities in LA County have worked with the businesses and restaurants to resume and keep their doors open.

Councilmember Gran believed outdoor dining was banned to encourage people to stay home.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding the parking fines, City Attorney Webb stated they can be reduced but staff would have to bring back the master fee schedule and also said there are certain state mandated surcharges that have to be added to any parking citation.

Councilmember Gran suggested authoring the City Manager to find an appropriate reduced fee under his discretion to come back to Council for authorization. He also suggested reducing the fees by half.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated the timeline would be to the end of January regarding reducing the fee, and also informed that the City of Torrance is not having enforcement right now. He also pointed out that he has had residents contact him from other districts. He supported reducing the fees and being proactive, and to accommodate the residents to allow them to stay home. He did not support changing the fee schedule and suggested suspending street sweeping until there is an amended fee schedule in place.

In response to Mayor Brand, Public Works Director Semaan stated that street sweeping is required by state law irrelevant of the coastal zone.

Mayor Brand suggested directing the City Manager to use his emergency powers to reduce the fine for street sweeping to \$25 while still maintaining the cost going to the City and state.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim to suspend the enforcement of street sweeping citations during street sweeping days starting on December 21 and ending on January 31 and to revisit it the third week in January.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to direct the City Manager to reduce the fees to \$25 for parking enforcement during emergency orders and still pay all fees by law, and that the City Manager come back to Council to confirm at the next City Council meeting of January 5. Substitute Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Horvath stated he did not support the resolution, noting it does nothing due to being superseded by county or state regulations, sending mixed messages. He also supported keeping people safe.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Lee Collier supported the resolution and believed that outside dining is not contributing to the issue. He also said the King Harbor Yacht Club has been operating with outside dining since the start of the county protocols and are aware of no COVID cases among the members and the outside dining.

Ilya Klinger supported a sensible set of policies, noted a misunderstanding among the LA County politicians as to how the public will react to it, and supported outside dining versus house parties.

Administrative Specialist Khatirah Nazif read the following comments via eComment:

Michael Sachs supported banning outdoor dining which causes more harm than good and believed the guidelines should be strictly enforced.

Tonya McKenzie, District 4, stated the businesses are following the guidelines, keeping their customers safe, and should not be punished for the actions of those not following the guidelines. She said the businesses have invested funds to provide a safe atmosphere, and she supported outdoor dining.

Dean Francois believed no action should be taken, noted no draft, data or science was provided on the agenda. He supported Council forming a subcommittee and to be proactive with other beach cities and LACO, so when it gets worse this winter/spring, the City is closing parking and bike paths before beaches.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file the COVID-19 report and to adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2012-095. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano read by title only Resolution No. CC-2012-095.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. CONSIDER REAPPOINTING MARY DRUMMER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Public Works Director Semaan gave a report and stated Mary Drummer was appointed in 2017 as the representative on the West Vector Control Board which started in January and is a two-year term. Ms. Drummer's term is expiring at the end of December 2020 and has shown interest remaining on the Board representing the City of Redondo Beach.

Mary Drummer expressed her gratitude to Council to consider her for a second term. She said the City had approximately 100 service visits in total and no deaths due to West Nile virus. She said the pandemic has slowed mosquito impact with people staying indoors and the District implemented safety measures for employees but continues to make in-person visits. She said she was able to make the website legally compliant for the first time in the District's history and the Board will be involved in replacement of their auditor who has served nearly 30 years, which should have a limit of 7 years. She said she remains eager

to meet the challenges and continue to move the District into a consistency of transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked Ms. Drummer for her service who is doing a fantastic job and is involved, making things happen.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve Mary Drummer as the Representative trustee on the Los Angeles County West Vector District Board for the City of Redondo Beach, for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to open up the nomination period to multiple people for the appointment. Motion failed with the following roll call vote:

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

Original motion carried, with the follow roll call vote:

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

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim requested pdf copies of Commission materials.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to request a report regarding the Budget and Finance Commission request for a \$1500 budget amendment to approve their request for the cost of their expenditures for an actuary study to be brought back at the second Council meeting in January. Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmembers Horvath and Gran wished everyone happy holidays and happy new year.

Mayor Brand noted this has been a difficult year and thanked staff, the community organizations, Police and Fire, the residents and the community, and said Redondo Beach has done a great job.

R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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 5, 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