MINUTES OF THE REDONDO BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING JULY 12, 2021

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Virtual special meeting of the Harbor Commission was held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and was called to order by Chair Light at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Bauer, Callahan, Carlson, Chrzan, Light, Kilroy, Walters

Commissioners Absent:

None

Officials Present:

Stephen Proud, W.E.D. Director

Laurie Kioke, W.E.D. Elizabeth Hause, W.E.D.

Jason May, Fire Division Chief Jason Sapien, Police Sergeant

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kilroy led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried, without objection.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - None

E.1. For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Harbor Commission Meeting

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. <u>APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 12, 2021</u>

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: JUNE 2, 2021

W.E.D. Director Proud announced there were no public eComments or emails received from the public regarding the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion carried, without objection.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

W.E.D. Director Proud noted receipt of one eComment as follows:

Iven Goldman – Opined City Council should place pallet shelters for the homeless in Beverly Hills.

There were no other public comments.

- I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION None
- J. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
- K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS None
- L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. <u>DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC</u> AMENITIES PLAN FOR KING HARBOR

W.E.D. Director Proud presented a status update on the RFP for a Public Amenities Plan for King Harbor; discussed the selection panel, responses received, review of the proposals, oral interviews, and selection of the SWA team for recommendation to City Council and addressed funding.

Chair Light commented on the selection process noting it was very collaborative and he was pleased with the results.

In response to Commissioner Carlson's question, W.E.D. Director Proud reported SWA made it clear they would adhere to the recommended schedule and called out the Moon Stone Park planning process as a separate scope of work.

Commissioner Chrzan stated it would be helpful the subcommittee to be provided with specific reference documents.

W.E.D. Director Proud indicated he will distribute the proposal and related documents to Members of the Commission; discussed the SWA team and reported they have a local presence.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to receive and file the report. Motion carried, without objection.

L.2. <u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF REDONDO</u> BEACH FY 2021-2022 BUDGET AND FY 2021-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

W.E.D. Director Proud presented details of the report; reported the budget was adopted on June 22, 2021; discussed approval and denial of specific decision packages; addressed Capital Improvement Projects and spoke about the budget process.

Chair Light expressed disappointment that \$500,000 is being reallocated from Moonstone Park to Seaside Lagoon.

Commissioner Callahan agreed with Chair Light and suggested finding other sources to fund the project.

Commissioner Kilroy agreed; noted money from Chevron was specifically designated for Moonstone Park; commented on the loss of institutional knowledge as leadership changes and hoped City Council would revisit the matter.

In response to Commissioner Bauer's question regarding whether anything can be done at this point, W.E.D. Director Proud noted the budget has been approved but suggested sending a communication to City Council with a request to reconsider the item.

Commissioner Carlson spoke against City Council's decision to reallocate funds from Moonstone Park to Seaside Lagoon; discussed City Council's direction to the Commission regarding Moonstone Park; expressed concerns about the urgency in taking money from a defined plan to place in an undefined plan and suggested putting the money back into the Moonstone Park project or freezing it until the amenities plan is further along.

Commissioner Chrzan agreed with colleagues; questioned the timing and supported sending a letter to City Council with the Commission's concerns.

Discussion followed regarding the need to upgrade bathrooms at the old Fun Factory site.

Chair Light invited public comments.

Mark Hanson thanked W.E.D. Director Proud for highlighting the matter; expressed disappointment with City Council's decision to reallocate funds meant for the Moonstone Park project; spoke about the Mole B Master Plan and agreed with having the Commission send a memo to City Council with a history of the item and listing the Commission's concerns.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Chair Light stated the memo should state clearly and strongly, the Commission's request to put the money back into the Moonstone Park project.

Commissioner Bauer agreed the money should go back to what it was originally intended for.

Discussion followed regarding forming a subcommittee and directing it to draft a letter to City Council, making sure City Council understands this is not an account that is open for pilfering, getting clarification regarding what the money will be used for and staying focused on Moonstone Park.

Motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to recommend that City Council return \$500,000 taken from the Moonstone Park project and reallocated to Seaside Lagoon back into the Moonstone Park project, as the money came from Chevron and was intended for Moonstone Park, there is an existing plan for Moonstone Park costing \$2.1 million (2013 dollars), there is an existing amenities plan and there is no urgent need for Seaside Lagoon; and recommend that the remaining \$500,000 remain available to Seaside Lagoon or another area of the Harbor, as needed and form a subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Carlson and Kilroy to draft the letter and submit it to the Chair for signing. Motion carried 7-0, by roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to receive and file the report. Motion carried, without objection.

L.3. <u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE FROM</u> OLYMPUS BOARD SHOP

W.E.D. Director Proud presented details of the report; discussed actions taken in response to a request by Olympus Board Shop; addressed activities at the hand launch and requested input from the Commission.

Discussion followed regarding closing vehicle access to the public dock, the possibility of providing access at a maximum of 15 minutes, building racks along the Seaside Lagoon fence, removal of the Paddle House advertising signage, adding a sign at the hand launch indicating parking is for loading and unloading only and next steps.

There were no public comments on this item.

Commissioner Callahan stated if the side access to the parking lot can be opened, it would improve traffic getting into that parking lot, crossing the bike lane.

Motion by Chair Light, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to direct staff to explore turning the access road next to the hand launch facility into a one-way road including opening up the driveway by the Mistrell Statue, install signs limiting parking to 15 minutes, and report back to the Commission on results of the investigation and report back on opportunities to install SUP and kayak racks along the back side of the Seaside Lagoon fence add signage on the launch indicating parking is for loading and unloading small craft only. Motion carried 7-0, by roll call vote.

Motion by Chair Light, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to receive and file the report. Motion carried, without objection.

L.4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Previous Council Items

 City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Harbor Patrol docks and authorized bidding for that project

Upcoming Council Items

- City Council will consider a lease for Mermaid's World, a retail tenant
- City Council will consider a short-term lease for the On the Rocks building for use by the Beach Life Festival
- City Council will consider a consent-to-assignment for the Fisherman's Wharf Master Lease
- City Council will consider a small office lease for Pier Plaza and renewal of the Falcon contract

Miscellaneous Follow-up Items

- Provided an update on Fourth of July events
- Discussed Harbor dredging

- Commented on the Redondo Beach Sailing Club noting the item will return to City Council for further consideration
- Addressed upcoming special events

Discussion followed regarding the Skate Park, outdoor dining, potential future leaseholds, dredging the Harbor by 2022 and the maintenance dredging application process.

Commissioner Walters left the meeting.

Chair Light invited comments from the public.

Mark Hanson discussed the recent 29th Annual Charity Regatta and reported \$18,000 was raised going to a laboratory named after the event at Cedar Sinai Hospital and announced the Regatta opening day ceremony will be held on July 18, 2021.

There were no other public comments

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to receive and file the Director's Report. Motion carried, without objection.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

N. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Carlson requested a report on sea-level rise with recommendations and next steps.

Commissioner Callahan understood the City is negotiating with leaseholders to share in the expenses.

Commissioner Carlson requested placing the item on an upcoming agenda to discuss the possibility of developing a sea-level rise plan.

Commissioner Callahan requested an update on the Harbor Drive/Yacht Club Way intersection and W.E.D. Director Proud offered to return to the Commission at its next meeting, with an update.

Commissioner Kilroy commented positively on the Fourth of July fireworks show.

Discussion followed regarding the Gold's Gym property.

Commissioner Bauer reported SCE has allocated \$330 million to help businesses install charging stations and suggested that staff review grant opportunities through their Charge Ready program.

Chair Light commented on rolling out the amenities plan and the importance of engaging other stakeholders; asked about the possibility of establishing a frequent-user parking permit program for boaters and kayakers; confirmed his attendance for the August meeting noting he will not be available for the Commission's meeting in September.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, without objection.

At 8:49 p.m., Chair Light adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting of the Harbor Commission on August 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Proud, Director

Waterfront & Economic Development