



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Closed Session-Adjourned Regular-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 Brand at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

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

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE

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

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

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

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

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

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:

Redondo Beach Firefighters' Association

F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION – The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(4).

One potential case

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to recess to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Attorney Michael W. Webb, City Manager Joe Hoefgen, Assistant City Manager Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Director of Human Resources Diane Strickfaden, Public Works Director Ted Semaan, Fire Chief Bob Metzger, City Engineer Andy Winje,

Outside Labor Negotiator Laura Kalty, and Outside Legal Counsel Lisa Bond. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 6:01 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Hoefgen stated there were no reportable actions.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to adjourn to Open Session at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Due to technical difficulties, the City Council recessed the meeting and reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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B. ROLL CALL

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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 – NONE

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

D.1. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 25, 2020.

Mayor Brand read tribute messages and a proclamation commemorating Memorial Day and fallen service members since gatherings could not occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic, designating 3:00 p.m. a national moment of remembrance on May 25, 2020.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked Public Works for the slurry sealing and striping on both Catalina and Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Councilmember Loewenstein thanked Public Works for the slurry sealing in the area east of PCH north of the high school and the curb cutouts, and announced his Community Meeting taking place a week from this Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Councilmember Horvath announced his Community Meeting taking place this Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom discussing COVID-19 and the impacts on the budget.

Councilmember Gran thanked Public Works for the signage and blockage due to COVID-19, making sure things are moved appropriately.

Councilmember Emdee announced a hazardous waste removal event this Saturday at the Performing Arts Center in conjunction with Athens and also document shredding from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor Brand thanked the residents for their help and patience regarding the lockdown and following the rules.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, 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 – NONE

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file additional materials for Items N.2, N.4, N.5 and O.1. 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 ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19, 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. APRIL 7, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING

B. APRIL 21, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 26629-26654 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,428.32, PD. 5/1/2020
CHECKS 26655-26655 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,747.60, PD. 5/1/2020
DIRECT DEPOSIT 222628-223063 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,735,681.39, PD. 5/1/2020
EFT/ACH \$9,110.84, PD. 4/30/2020 (PP2009)
VOID DD 222706

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 94296-94485 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,502,494.51
EFT BARINGS MULTIFAMILY CAPITAL \$220,649.00
CONTACT: MARNI RUHLAND, FINANCE DIRECTOR

- H.5. APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH LESLIE SCOTT CONSULTING FOR TRANSIT CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021**
CONTACT: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.6. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ROY E. GLAUTHIER CONSULTING FOR PROFESSIONAL TRANSIT CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021**
CONTACT: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.7. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FROM THE CITY FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2023**

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FROM THE CITY FOR THE TERM JULY 1 2020 - JUNE 30, 2023
TED CONTACT: SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.8. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GOLDEN TOUCH CLEANING, INC. FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,653 AND A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$742,819 AND EXTEND THE TERM FOR TWO YEARS TO MAY 31, 2022**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.9. APPROVE MASTER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SERVICES ON THE SOUTH BAY FIBER NETWORK FOR A THREE YEAR NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$135,000 FOR THE TERM MAY 19, 2020 TO MAY 18, 2023.**
CONTACT: CHRISTOPHER BENSON, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.10. ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY NORTHBOUND RIGHT TURN LANE AT TORRANCE BLVD PROJECT, MEASURE R PROJECT NO. MR312.07, JOB NO. 40810 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER AND RELEASE THE FINAL RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,727.89 TO EBS GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC. UPON EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD AFTER SAID RECORDATION AND No CLAIMS BEING FILED UPON THE PROJECT.**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.11. APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ONWARD ENGINEERING FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE INGLEWOOD AVENUE AT MANHATTAN BEACH**

BLVD PROJECT FOR NO ADDITIONAL COST AND TO EXTEND THE TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.12. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GILLIS + PANICHAPAN ARCHITECTS, INC. (GPA) FOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR NO ADDITIONAL COST AND TO EXTEND THE TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.13. ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE MAIN LIBRARY ELEVATOR REHAB PROJECT, JOB NO. 20780, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER

TED CONTACT: SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve Consent Calendar Items H.1 through H.13. 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.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to read the eComments.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Gran, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read the following eComments:

Lezlie Campeggi expressed concern with the inability to effectively conduct virtual Redondo Beach City Council meetings with the public.

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

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

L. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PERVIOUS AGENDAS – NONE

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARDING A CONTRACT TO M.S. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,500,000 FOR THE REDONDO BEACH TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT, JOB NO. 20120

ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2005-032, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TRANSFERRING \$460,000 IN PROPOSITION C FUNDS, AND \$400,000 IN MEASURE R FUNDS FROM THE KINGSDALE RESURFACING, 182ND TO GRANT PROJECT, JOB NO. 40880, TRANSFERRING \$370,000 IN PROPOSITION C FUNDS FROM THE INGLEWOOD AVENUE RESURFACING, MARINE AVENUE TO MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD PROJECT, JOB NO. 41210, TRANSFERRING \$820,000 IN PROPOSITION C FUNDS FROM THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD RESURFACING, PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO PROSPECT AVENUE PROJECT, JOB NO. 41230, TRANSFERRING \$175,000 IN PROPOSITION C FUNDS, AND \$525,000 IN OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES PROJECT, JOB NO. 40120, TO THE REDONDO BEACH TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT, JOB NO. 20120

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2005-033, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO M.S. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,500,000 FOR THE REDONDO BEACH TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT, JOB NO. 20120

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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

- History of bids
- Budget modification for additional \$2.75M
- Bid protest
- Recommendation
- Construction beginning late July or August lasting for a total of approximately 14 months

Public Works Director Semaan thanked the COG, Metro staff and Councilmember Horvath in working with the Metro staff.

Councilmember Gran thanked the Public Works and Engineering staff and stated the residents in the area are looking forward to the project finally taking place.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concern with the \$2.75M taken from other projects without a guarantee of replacement. He also expressed concern with the paving projects getting pushed back even further, and believed that most residents will not get the benefit of the Transit Center.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated the Transit Center will pave the way for the improvements on Kingsdale, which will benefit the residents. He said this project also will be critical for the QIC remodel, and Torrance Boulevard will be made whole with the proposed CIP. He said only transportation-restricted dollars would be used and staff is finding ways to make sure the projects move forward with transportation dollars. He also said if the project is delayed, it will expire and would have to go back out to bid.

City Engineer Winje stated staff reached out to the project management and construction manager regarding any reductions in material costs or general construction pricing in the coming months as a result in the dip of the economy. This was indicated as none, due to the jobs being based on prevailing wage labor and material prices being stable to increasing for some of the major components. They also have recommended staying with the current bids to avoid an issue of bid fatigue.

Public Works Director Semaan explained that the funds for Measure M are earmarked for the South Bay projects and should be coming in a timely fashion to secure the backfilling of any of the projects.

Councilmember Horvath stated these are sub-regional funds that will not go anywhere else. He said the monies are good until 2023, and the \$2.75M is almost tapping out the remainder of the monies in the South Bay Regional Fund. He believed it is imperative moving forward now since pricing will only go up.

Councilmember Loewenstein questioned the wages and steel remaining steady or going up with construction being frozen right now. He noted unemployment of 30M and questioned moving forward with this right now and the possibility of the project be shelved.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky noted a timeline and explained that the window is shorter than the Metro project grant funding award process.

Public Works Director Semaan explained the bid and approval process and the scenarios of the potential bids coming in lower.

City Engineer Winje stated the Public Works economy has not slowed down, there won't be any delay to the Torrance Boulevard project, and not all the funding set aside will be needed for the Inglewood project. He also explained that the paving project on Inglewood is moving along.

Councilmember Horvath explained that the monies have already been set aside and the \$2.75M is almost the tail end of the funding in the Measure M program through 2022 with very little left beyond that. He said there may be, as a result of this crisis in the out years, less funding for future Measure M projects, and believed the Board was willing to go an additional \$2.75M due to this being a sub-regional project. He also said the monies being spent will hopefully save the 3% match and eventual Green Line.

Councilmember Loewenstein also expressed concern with Metro and not receiving the funding.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated the \$2.75M probably would disappear if staff goes back out to bid, and the bid would be needed to come into that level or possibly less to ensure moving forward with the funds secured today.

Councilmember Horvath pointed out that Inglewood has been very aggressive in the past year with the Mayor being the chair of Metro.

Councilmember Nehrenheim also expressed concern going forward with this project last minute and risks with delays and misguidance, with no guaranteed funding, noting many of the funding sources have dried up overnight including sales tax figures.

Councilmember Horvath stated the project does not have any cost overruns as of yet and believed the South Bay Regional Measure M funding is as close to a guarantee as possible. He also said the monies are already dedicated for the South Bay projects, and Metro cannot take the monies away from the City. He also pointed out that the monies are coming out of the sub-regional fund, and the COG Board has signed off on it.

City Manager Hoefgen explained that the project began many years ago that involved the federal lobbyists, with a lot of resources that have gone into it. He suggested reaching out to the Metro staff for something in writing such as a letter recommending the project to bring back to Council next week.

In response to Councilmember Gran, Assistant City Manager Witzansky explained that the funding for Torrance Boulevard through the City's own sources of funds which should proceed, and all of the projects receiving a transfer of request tonight will be implemented on schedule. He also said this project goes back

many years, the land swap negotiations took years, the QIP coming online took another year, with multiple sources of funding. He said if this doesn't move forward tonight, there's a good chance the project will never be built. He also said the residents on Kingsdale will benefit from this project tremendously along with the area, making the entire area more attractive. He supported executing the project.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein, Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated that Kingsdale only had a topical coat of slurry which is fading quickly and the street is in far worse shape structurally than Torrance Boulevard. He also said realignment, installation of landscaping, and installation of pedestrian enhancement are also included in addition to repaving, being a complete change to Kingsdale, starting with the Transit Center. He further said Prop C funding is being moved which are for Kingsdale and Torrance Boulevard because they have bus routes on them. He also said Torrance Boulevard will get its Prop C money back this fiscal year with the proposed capital plan. He supported staying with transportation restricted sources.

Councilmember Gran said the project is 11 years in the making and supported getting it completed now which has been in bad shape and improvement is needed for the residents and area.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concern with taking a leap of faith on funding and approving this project in the middle of a difficult time.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein, Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated money has already been taken out of Manhattan Beach Boulevard to cover the commercial streets.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky supported the dedicated sources but if the backfill from Metro wasn't received, Torrance Boulevard could be funded with something other than Prop C as an option. He supported using the momentum and proceeding rather than stops and starts which are a massive challenge, and pointed out that the project is ready to go now.

Councilmember Loewenstein explained that the project was pushed off a year and budgeted for last year, and now it's pushed off again.

Councilmember Gran said the project didn't make the delay and will not cause additional delay. He supported not missing this opportunity, which has a lot of moving parts, and the project has been a priority.

Councilmember Nehrenheim said the project has been delayed and gotten bigger and expressed concern with not being secure. He supported this item coming back next week with more of a guarantee.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to consider this item next week and have staff speak with Metro regarding a letter from Metro noting a guaranteed funding source. Motion failed with no vote.

Mayor Brand pointed out if the station isn't approved, the entire Green Line would be at risk.

Councilmember Emdee suggested putting in the contract if the money doesn't get approved by Metro that the contract gets put on hold.

Assistant City Manager Witzansky suggested awarding the contract and manage the finances as part of the budget discussion or seek to obtain from the current low bidder a guarantee to hold pricing while waiting for Metro approval.

City Engineer Winje suggested awarding the contract and the Notice to Proceed be withheld until the funding is sorted out.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, to adopt by 4/5 vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2005-032 and adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2005-033, to award the contract to M.S. Construction Management Group and withhold their Notice to Proceed until the supplemental Metro funding has been approved. Motion failed with no second.

City Attorney Webb suggested awarding the contract but direct the Mayor not to sign it until the funding is identified.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adopt by 4/5 vote and by title only Resolution No. CC-2005-032 and adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2005-033, to award the contract to M.S. Construction Management Group and to direct the Mayor to not sign the contract until MTA approves the funding.

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

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 Nos. CC-2005-032 and CC-2005-033, as amended.

N.2. DISCUSSION OF THE COMMENT LETTER FILED BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, REGARDING THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE ONCE-THROUGH COOLING POLICY, EXPRESSING OUR ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO ANY EXTENSION OF THE COMPLIANCE DEADLINE FOR THE AES REDONDO BEACH GENERATING STATION.
CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb gave a report and history and said the power plant is scheduled to cease operating December 31, 2020. He said a letter was filed yesterday regarding the City's adamant opposition for any extensions for the Power Plant signed by himself and Mayor Brand, and said the hearing takes place in July and encouraged public participation. He noted impacts from the Power Plant and no need for it to continue, and direction is to oppose the Power Plant and to provide periodic updates.

Mayor Brand gave a history, supported the wetlands coming back, said the Power Plant is due to retire December 31, 2020 and he did not support any extensions. He also thanked Councilmember Horvath, City Attorney Webb and staff for their hard work. He also opposed outside interests and hoped the Board doesn't extend the plant at all.

Councilmember Horvath thanked his colleagues at Clean Power Alliance.

Mayor Brand also thanked Heal the Bay and the Surf Rider Foundation.

Councilmember Emdee supported the letter written by legal.

City Attorney Webb thanked Council for their help and support.

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

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to receive and file the draft amendment to the Once-Through Cooling Policy, expressing our adamant opposition to any extension of the compliance deadline for the AES Redondo Beach Generating Station. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROJECT APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF THE NORTHBOUND AVIATION BLVD. AT ARTESIA BLVD. RIGHT TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, JOB NO. 40780 IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2005-034, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 2020-XX-IES-ND-OOX FOR THE ADDITION OF A NORTHBOUND RIGHT TURN LANE FROM AVIATION BOULEVARD TO ARTESIA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City Engineer Andy Winje gave a report and stated staff is recommending approval of the project and adoption of the resolution.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding the barrel on the site, Public Works Director Semaan stated staff has worked with the consultants who will come back and check the materials and schedule a removal.

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

Motion by Councilmember Gran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve the project and adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2005-034. 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-2005-034.

N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF THE CITY'S JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Community Services Director John La Rock gave a report and stated staff is recommending postponement to a future date.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he spoke to the Health Department and other representatives and said there will be nothing approved at the local level. He also noted that a fireworks show on the water could take place but requires preplanning.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to read Blue Folder comments. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Manzano read the following comments:

Andrew Lesser – supported cancelling the event.

Barbara Epstein – supported cancelling the event due to coronavirus.

Councilmember Nehrenheim read a public comment received by Jeff Ginsburg, suggesting considering fireworks on a barge paid by the sponsor.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to cancel the Seaside Lagoon fireworks display of 2020. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

N.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2025 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2025 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

**SET MAY 26, 2020 AS THE DATE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET.
CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Joe Hoefgen gave a report and discussed the following:

- City's Charter date for release of proposed budget May 16
- Budgets posted online
- Tonight's action – receive and file the budget and set the public hearing schedule – May 26 at 3 p.m.
- Overview of the budget
- Budget process
- Core values
- Operating budget
- Core budget
- Line item details
- Budget Response Reports
- \$96.7M core general fund budget
- \$58M CIP budget
 - \$46.3M existing projects
 - \$11.7M new CIP money
- Maintain one-month reserve of \$8.1M
- 432 full-time employee positions before Decision Packages

- 398 full-time employee positions after Decision Packages
- Funding shortfall of \$8.9M before Decision Packages
- Balanced budget after staff recommendations
- 46 Decision Packages
- Not more than 5% reduction for Safety Department
- Projected vacant positions
- Tightened funding in a number of different areas
- Grant funding
- One-time monies to help achieve balance
- Reductions of Uplands and Tidelands Funds
- Budget Response Reports
 - CalPERS expenditures
 - Pension obligation bonds
 - Feedback from B&F and Harbor Commission meetings
 - Special events
 - Vehicle replacements
 - Five-year financial scenario updates
- Budget Calendar
- Recommendation

City Attorney Webb reminded Council this is not a public hearing which needs to be noticed for at least ten days after receiving the City Manager's budget, and tonight is just advising the City Manager and staff regarding any further information.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding a 5% cut in Public Safety, City Manager Hoefgen stated this would be a 5% cut of their budget. Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated the 5% would be specific only to their salary and M&O budget and the ISF numbers are excluded from the calculation.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the breakdown for the Street and Landscaping Lighting District. Finance Director Ruhland stated this is all in the Public Works Department and not broken out in line items detailed by fund. Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated Council will receive a Budget Response Report with a breakdown and alternative budget reduction options.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein, Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated Council will receive a full breakdown on vehicles proposed for replacement and an assessment. He also said a reminder will be prepared regarding the streets in the current phase being worked on now and the streets likely next up based on the last assessment.

Mayor Brand asked for a Budget Response Report on the dredging of the harbor.

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

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Manager's Proposed Budget and the Fiscal Year 2020-2025 City Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, and set May 26, 2020 as the date to conduct a Public Hearing on the Budget. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY'S CURRENT SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY ORDERS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION IF NEEDED

CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hoefgen gave a report and discussed the following:

- Local emergency declared March 12
- Modifications to City orders and restrictions lifted
 - Immediate opening of Czuleger Park
 - Sidewalk opened on west side of the Esplanade for walking but not parking
 - Sidewalk opened on west side of Harbor Drive
 - Keep no parking in place until May 26 on the west side of the Esplanade and City parking lot adjacent to Miramar Park
 - Direction given to help local restaurants and businesses better understand the county and state protocols for reopening – all closed except for delivery or curbside service
 - Prepare for onsite service or move outdoors in a private or public space
 - County of Los Angeles Public Health Department lifted restriction on tennis
 - Proceeding carefully with thought related to openings
 - Summary list of emergency orders attached
 - County bicycle lanes may open
 - Limited enforcement activity of lifeguards

Jacqueline Sun, Beach Cities Health District, gave an update on the data they have been tracking and testing, and the South Bay Galleria testing site.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding a positivity rate, Ms. Sun explained this is the percentage of results of those tested positive.

Tom Bakaly, Beach Cities Health District, stated BCHD is running the testing site with the Department of Health Services and said continued testing will be essential for reopening.

In response to Mayor Brand regarding the accuracy of the tests at the Galleria test site, Ms. Sun believed they are about 70% accurate but it depends on the type of diagnostic test, noting that false negatives are common. She also discussed contact tracing and said the county would have the infrastructure in place.

Mayor Brand stated that contact tracing has been extremely effective in controlling the spread of the pandemic and the county could be gearing up for a future outbreak. He also said the beach reopening went well and said it would be helpful for the county and cities to start providing guidelines on opening businesses safely. He also said the hospital occupancies are in great shape and have been improving, with plenty of capacity. He encouraged people to wear a mask, and said the opening of the north parking lot should be addressed as well.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated the barriers along the Esplanade have worked very well and the public has been using the space to walk and run up and down, with no parking.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the business parking permits, Assistant City Manager Witzansky believed they are still available in the Riviera Village.

Councilmember Nehrenheim also reminded the public to call the business if something does not look right, addressing guidelines and complaints. He also said the beach opening went great, supported the county

moving forward, and the next step for the Village is to have an approved plan and closure of Catalina between Avenue Del Norte and Vista Del Mar, creating some open space. He also referred to the Veteran's Park Farmers' Market and suggested having it opened next Thursday.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to continue the current barriers along the Esplanade, to keep parking along the Esplanade closed on the west side and parking lot at the end until June 10; direct staff to work with the Riviera Business Improvement District to include the closure of Catalina Avenue from Avenue Del Norte to Vista Del Mar and from Vista Del Mar to South Elena, allowing the BID to be in control and pay for the closure; and direct Farmer's Market to be open at Veteran's Park by May 28.

Councilmember Horvath did not support the motion and supported the compromise made last week.

In response to Councilmember Horvath regarding the chart showing the rate of cases in the South Bay, Ms. Sun explained that the yellow line is just for the Beach Cities as a whole which includes only Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

Councilmember Horvath expressed concern with Redondo Beach still trending up and said he would like to see a precipitous drop off as opposed to this incremental growth. He suggested people being cautious and careful, and pointed out that the South Bay area also includes Inglewood, Hawthorne and Carson which are cities with large amounts of cases with growing numbers. He suggested showing the attack rate of each city versus just the accumulated rate of infection, allowing for more insight.

Mr. Bakaly stated the trend continuing to go up is concerning, believed it is too early to be easing a lot of the restrictions, but also pointed out the economic sustainable issue. He supported focusing on the vulnerable population and getting the message out regarding masks.

Councilmember Horvath asked about having protocols and recommendations for different types of businesses and re-opening. Mr. Bakaly stated they are meeting weekly with the presidents of the three chambers, assisted with the survey, and making sure there are plans that will attract people to their businesses safely and also to help businesses be successful.

Councilmember Horvath agreed with calling the management of a company when people see something that is not right regarding following guidelines.

Councilmember Horvath asked if there are orders from the county available yet related to restaurants. City Manager Hoenes stated the City does not have verification from the county or permission to allow outdoor service of food.

Waterfront and Economic Development Director Stephen Proud explained that the county has not lifted the order for dine-in options for restaurants issued on May 13, which is only allowing delivery and take-out options. He also said the guidance the state has issued for dine-in establishments has been provided to all restaurants and business associations, and on the pier to be ready to be open when the county provides the green light. He said the City is taking the lead of the county on the reopening process and the county ultimately provides the guidance. He believed that the county is targeting July 4th as the opening date but it is unknown which businesses can open along with other restrictions.

City Attorney Webb suggested coming up with a process to have things ready to go and brought back to Council with official action, waiving the fee.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes stated a temporary use permit is very specific to private property and said many things have to be addressed such as the Coastal Commission, ABC, liability,

busing of furniture, etc. She said the direction at the last meeting was to focus on the TUP's and then come back and address Catalina.

In response to Councilmember Horvath regarding talking to the Coastal Commission or ABC yet, Community Development Director Forbes noted the ABC is now having a special temporary catering permit and said she has not reached out to the Coastal Commission yet since she did not have the details requested by Council.

Mayor Brand stated he spoke with the Deputy Director of the Coastal Commission in our area, Steve Hudson, who is allowing the City to prioritize public health over public access. Community Development Director Forbes noted their letter was actually geared toward the waterfront itself, and said she did not know the process at this point.

In response to Councilmember Horvath regarding the pier opening, the Pier Association and opening of restaurants, Waterfront and Economic Development Director Proud stated the county order is very specific which states that public piers are still to remain closed. He stated staff started talking about different types of public spaces at the pier and restaurants, some outside dining opportunities and using spaces to help accommodate the pier itself; stated the businesses on the pier can be open for takeout service; and staff has been reaching out to pier merchants.

In response to Councilmember Gran regarding the numbers going down, Ms. Sun noted a cumulative case rate in each jurisdiction, as a running total of positive tests. She said the numbers starting to flatten out could be from less people testing positive but also said it is helpful to look at the countywide data as well in terms of new cases that happen every day, looking at more of the regional numbers.

Councilmember Gran also supported the numbers starting to flatten out and supported a methodical very thoughtful slow opening.

Community Services Director John La Rock gave an update on the Veteran's Park Farmers' Market and stated staff has worked with the Public Works Department at George Freeth Way and have come up with a plan to open the Farmers' Market per the county guidelines. He said best efforts will be made for May 28 or June 4 if needed.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via eComment.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read the following eComments:

Anthony Trutanich asked if Redondo Beach would be punished if another beach city did not follow the COVID orders due to the five-city agreement.

Karen Brandhorst, board member of the Ten Thousand Villages nonprofit retail store and Redondo Beach resident, expressed concern with impacts to her business with loss of curbside pickup if Catalina Avenue is closed to traffic. She suggested utilizing the sidewalk and parking spaces in front of each restaurant to provide an outdoor dining area or closing the street on certain days between certain hours. She did not support a permanent closure of Catalina Avenue to create a promenade.

Wayne Craig – Select Code Enforcement in Riviera Village – expressed concern with HT Grill and Rebel Republic not following the rule of law and selective enforcement.

Mark Ford suggested some streets in the Riviera Village could be closed in the evenings to allow dining tables to be set up with social distances. He also stated that restaurants and bars could then resume some level of table service.

Jeff Ginsburg stated the RBA submitted a Blue Folder Item requesting the Mayor and City Council consider approving the Riviera Village Association to barricade streets to allow businesses to safely offer outdoor shopping, dining/beverage service with tables separated by at least 6 feet subject to higher state/county emergency orders. He said this would allow the RBA to be ready to start opening up when restrictions are eased.

Brian Kelleher, Hook and Plow Restaurant, stated they support Item O.1 approving the Riviera Village Association to barricade streets within the Village to allow shopping and dining in a safe outdoor area. He stated that this would allow businesses to gradually increase operations once the county gives approval and provide a larger area for businesses to operate and a safer area for patrons.

Lezlie Campeggi stated she supports the orders as listed by the City Manager but expressed concern with them not being enforced such as the Avenue C stairs, beach activities, and the bike pedestrian path. She said the rules apply to everyone and did not support selective enforcement.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger stated there are also 21 emails that were received and filed as part of Blue Folder Items.

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

Mayor Brand clarified that beach parking lots have remained closed and the county also has kept their parking lots closed.

Councilmember Horvath asked about opening the Harbor Gateway parking lot. Mayor Brand clarified he was in favor of opening the north lot if the Esplanade and south lots were opened.

Mayor Brand suggested opening up the Veteran's Park parking lot on Thursdays only.

Community Services Director John La Rock clarified that their activation space for the Farmers' Market would be George Freeth Way only initially and only using the parking lot at Veteran's Park as a queuing area for those waiting to enter the market at 6 foot intervals.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Gran, to continue the orders from last week related to parking along the Esplanade opening up the day after Memorial Day, opening up the Harbor Gateway parking lot, opening up the Veteran's Park parking lot as needed to accommodate the Veteran's Park Farmer's Market, per staff, either May 28 or the first week of June, and direct staff to work with the Riviera Business Improvement District to include the closure of Catalina Avenue from Avenue Del Norte to Vista Del Mar and from Vista Del Mar to South Elena, allowing the BID to be in control and pay for the closure.

Councilmember Nehrenheim expressed concern with opening up the Esplanade with only 4 feet of space, with bumper to bumper vehicles on the west side of the Esplanade and lack of social distancing. He also suggested re-approval every two weeks regarding the City working with the BID and the Catalina area.

Friendly Amendment by Councilmember Nehrenheim to keep the Esplanade closed until the second meeting in June. Councilmember Horvath did not accept the Friendly Amendment.

Councilmember Horvath pointed out that the Esplanade parking is parallel which is different from a parking lot.

Mayor Brand also believed that the Esplanade will be impacted once parking is allowed on the west side.

City Attorney Webb addressed the comment regarding HT Grill and Rebel Republic which was false and inconsistent with the facts and reviewed the activities of staff and the Police Department.

Substitute Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, for staff to talk to the Riviera BID regarding the 4th of July show and what would be allowed along the coastline. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Brand asked that the video/audio and lack of live public participation be addressed and corrected.

City Manager Hoefgen explained that the City has an old outdated City Hall audio video system and bad technology, and a major upgrade is scheduled.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, for staff to bring back a report on the Council upgrades, public comments and online usage. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

- R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – NONE**
- S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE**
- T. ADJOURNMENT: 11:59 P.M.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 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, May 26, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Note: All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.