



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

A. 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.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Michael Webb, City Attorney Joe Hoefgen, City Manager Khatirah Nazif, Administrative Specialist

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION – NONE

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS – NONE

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:32 p.m.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR -The Closed Session is authorized by attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54946.8

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Mike Witzansky, Assistant City Manager
Ted Semaan, Public Works Director

PROPERTY:

APN 4082-007-002 and Portion of APN 4082-020-925

NEGOTIATING PARTY:

Pacific Crest Cemetery Co., Inc.

UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Both Price and Terms

F.2. 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:

Crespin, Ryan v. Redondo Beach Police Department

WCAB Case # ADJ12357236; ADJ12492029; ADJ12492026; ADJ12492031

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Building a Better Redondo, et al. v. City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Court of Appeals Case No. B294328

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS166124

- 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:

Redondo Beach Waterfront, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: BC682833

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).**

One potential case

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to recess at 4:35 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Joe Hoefgen, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Assistant City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Engineer Andy Winje, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Outside Legal Counsel Aaron Prosin, Outside Legal Counsel Jon Welner, and Waterfront and Economic Development Director Stephen Proud. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Nehrenheim and Mayor Brand recused from Item F3 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

H. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:

Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand

Councilmembers Absent:

None

Officials Present:

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

Michael Webb, City Attorney

Joe Hoefgen, City Manager

Khatirah Nazif, Administrative Specialist

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Manager Hoefgen announced that Item F.1 will be continued to a future meeting.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

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

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, Obagi, Emdee, Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney Joe Hoefgen, City Manager Khatirah Nazif, Administrative Specialist

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 announced his Community Meeting last Saturday in person at Alta Vista Park with a good turnout and said an online meeting will take place on Monday May 17 at 6:30 p.m. He also said an emergency test will take place on the beach this Thursday.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced his District 2 Community Meeting taking place this Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom with City Attorney Webb discussing homelessness.

Councilmember Horvath announced a townhall meeting taking place next Wednesday on May 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for those who are vaccine hesitant with two physicians present. He also said the FDA approved vaccinations for ages 12 to 15. He also announced his Community Meeting taking place on Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. discussing the budget.

Councilmember Obagi supported Council for continuing the pallet shelter and noted that Harbor Interfaith has transitioned 15 people to permanent housing, with 30 people taken off the street in total. He also thanked the police with their help regarding the car chase.

Councilmember Emdee encouraged people to get vaccinated and also announced the test taking place on the beach this Thursday.

Mayor Brand also encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to move Item Q to after Item J. Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

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

F. AGENCY RECESS - NONE

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file additional materials for Item H.4., N.1. and N.2. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi, 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 11, 2021

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.3. PULLED BY MAYOR BRAND FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

H.4. PULLED BY MAYOR BRAND FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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 Nehrenheim, to approve Consent Calendar Items H.1 and H.2. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H.3. APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE CANINE “AMMO” AND ALLOW OFFICER KYLE LOFSTROM TO PURCHASE CANINE AMMO FROM THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR ONE DOLLAR.

CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Brand and Chief Kauffman thanked Canine Ammo and Officer Kyle Lofstrom for their service to the City. Officer Kyle Lofstrom thanked the City for the opportunity to serve in the City.

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 Obagi, to approve the retirement of Police Canine Ammo and allow Officer Kyle Lofstrom to purchase Canine Ammo from the City of Redondo Beach for one dollar. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

H.4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO POST NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR TWO SEATS ON PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO COMMISSIONERS' ELECTION TO RBUSD BOARD AT THE MARCH 2, 2021 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

City Attorney Webb explained that 1099 of the Government Code codified the common law principle of incompatible offices, and stated the Planning Commission and School Board are incompatible, with conflict of serving on these two bodies.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Rolf Strutzenberg said he never received a response to his emails regarding this issue and no guidance was ever given by the City.

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

City Clerk Manzano explained that staff spoke to Mr. Strutzenberg during the elections and was told there were incompatible offices. She also stated the vacancy will be posted tomorrow morning.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to authorize the City Clerk to post Notice of Vacancy for two seats on Planning Commission pursuant to Commissioners' election to RBUSD Board at the March 2, 2021 General Municipal Election. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Charles Simpson spoke on the intersection at Artesia and Rindge and noted many accidents and issues and asked that it be addressed. He also reviewed the issues involved.

Robert Velasquez also spoke on the intersection at Artesia and Rindge and observed many accidents.

Eugene Solomon asked that City Council consider agendizing a discussion regarding e-bikes on the bike path south of the pier which are traveling in conflict with pedestrians crossing.

Nikos and Katherine Antzoulatos stated they are the property owners of the furniture store at the corner of Artesia and Rindge and stated the main problem is the sun setting when traveling west on Artesia and noted two accidents in 18 months damaging the building, taking place at the same time of the evening. He supported a left turn on green light only.

Wayne Craig suggested having the ability to submit documents during virtual meetings going forward. City Clerk Manzano stated documents can be emailed to the City Clerk which are then provided to the Mayor and Council by 3 p.m.

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

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Loewenstein requested a discussion regarding e-bikes on the bike trail Marvin Braude south of the pier the first week in August.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to request a referral to staff to review the City sidewalk vending regulations and writing an ordinance to strengthen the regulations at a high priority and to include the Esplanade vending and enforcement actions over the last year regarding multiple vendors parking and vending on the Esplanade. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Obagi requested a discussion to come back the second week in June regarding the crosswalk and intersection improvements as discussed on Artesia and Rindge and Artesia and Felton.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution resolving that Redondo Beach has lost confidence in District Attorney Gascon prosecuting criminals and vindicating the rights of victims, and also requested a resolution that Redondo Beach recognizes systemic racism against the black and African American community exists and that Redondo Beach has no tolerance. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Obagi directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to allow City Council members permanently to attend remotely should they so choose and requested a BRR discussion the first week in July with specific direction.

Councilmember Obagi requested agendaizing the nonresidential General Plan amendments for next week.

Mayor Brand noted e-bikes are going very fast and becoming dangerous and suggested stepping up enforcement prior to August.

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 DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A PERMIT PROGRAM THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF PROPERTY TO PARK A VEHICLE IN FRONT OF THE OWNER'S OR LESSEE'S PRIVATE DRIVEWAY AND COLLABORATING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR INSTALLATION OF A DRIVEWAY APRON AT 525 SOUTH FRANCISCA AVENUE.

City Attorney Webb stated he found a section in the state law that allows the City to allow by permit the owner or lessee of real property to park in front of a private driveway. He also suggested giving direction to work collaboratively with the owner regarding an area with a parking pad to allow for installing an apron

under City rules. He further advised that this will have to be specific to the property, and that the police will have to be able to tie it to that particular residence in order to enforce it.

Councilmember Emdee asked if this ordinance will allow a driveway to nowhere. City Attorney Webb explained that the City can restore an apron because it is no longer to nowhere and a parking pad will be installed. He said this will resolve the conflict of driveways to nowhere since this is an apron to a parking pad.

Councilmember Emdee stated there is no garage and expressed concern with pulling up on the apron to the parking pad, not going to a garage. City Attorney Webb stated the parking pad will be entirely on the Reed's private parking and won't be leading to a garage but the apron will lead to the pad.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes stated this circumstance is a reasonable accommodation for allowing the parking pad, noting they don't have the space on their property for a garage. She also said they have a handicap accessibility issue, and allowing the parking pad in lieu of a garage can be allowed through the Fair Housing Act as a reasonable accommodation.

Councilmember Emdee noted examples of this being used in North Redondo, and the allowance of parking pads have to be looked at in a bigger context. She also said there would be a definite demand for this type of ordinance throughout the City.

City Attorney Webb clarified that there is nothing in the motion that changes the rules regarding when and if you can put in a parking pad. He advised a motion will direct him to return with an ordinance that allows permit parking in front of a private driveway, and would only apply in R1, avoiding giving permits to two different people living 2-on-a-lot.

In response to Mayor Brand regarding parking across a driveway without a permit system being legal, City Attorney Webb stated this would be illegal under state law and referred to the ordinance stating "A local ordinance adopted pursuant to this section may not authorize parking on a sidewalk in violation of subdivisions (f) of Section 22500."

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Wayne Craig noted a car parked in the driveway blocking the street access on Knob Hill for over a decade and expressed concern with selective enforcement.

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the Parking Permit Program as well as re-installing the design build for the driveway apron at 525 South Francisca Avenue, late July/early August. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPAC) RECOMMENDED LAND USE PLAN

CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Community Development Director Forbes gave a report on the recommended Land Use Plan.

Wendy Nowak of PlaceWorks gave a report and discussed the following:

- Purpose of Tonight's Meeting
- Recommended Land Definitions
- Planning Manager Scully gave a report on residential care facilities for the elderly
- Ms. Nowak provided examples
- Community Development Director Forbes spoke on the Residential Overlay and a horizontal mixed-use large site example
- Ms. Nowak spoke on transportation-fiscal Impacts-EIR FAQs
- GPAC Recommendations

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Mr. Pournamdari, 750 Francisca Avenue by the beachfront and asked for Council input on the site.

Wayne Craig spoke on the AES site and the Heart of the City remake, reviewed the density in the City and equity and requested a state audit regarding the calculations being assessed properly. He encouraged people to write Mayor Brand, Council, Senator Ben Allen and Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi to oppose this effort to force housing on the City and to provide nothing by market rate housing.

Valerie Hernandez addressed the North Tech area and adding RHNA or increasing the numbers in the Galleria area which will increase the RHNA forced on us in the future and eliminate jobs in the North Tech.

Amy Josefek supported all residents to contact Senator Ben Allen to vote no on the rezoning bills SB9 and SB10. She also expressed concern with increasing density around the beach and having another Legato project.

Jane Abrams noted a State of California density bonus law which keeps getting amended and noted a small project north of Emerald and Catalina which has been commercial. She said the zoning is R3A which is low density residential, but the developer is applying for the density bonus law and is asking for 30 units of residential with up to seven bedrooms.

Holly Osborne opposed changing the definitions of R1, R2 and R3 and supported they be left the way they were.

Minh Nguyen expressed concern with having apartments at the expense of the City's financial health, and said the City's revenues cannot survive on property taxes alone. He said residential can be done, but the infrastructure was not designed to support high density residential. He asked to include a portion of the AES site as recommended by the Planning Commission and said a plan is needed for the entire City of Redondo Beach.

Brian Hurley expressed concern with inequitable density throughout the City and suggested looking beyond where to put the houses and congestion. He also suggested engaging the public and awareness.

Mark Nelson spoke on N2 and the RCFE issue and believed it to be public RCFE and cost based, not market price.

Eugene Solomon spoke on the AES site and the HCD guidelines which shows no proximity transit, no access to amenities, the location to available infrastructure is low, no infrastructure other than the power plant on the site, the site does not require environmental mitigation, and said a letter was sent to the CA State Water Resources Board noting that the AES sites requires excessive remediation when asking for the extension through 2023. He also spoke on the 2017 election and Legado project and a lawsuit, and noted a hometown voter guide funded by the developer putting up the Legado project, noting high density in South Redondo.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to forego reading the comments via eComment and to receive and file.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Obagi
NOES: Horvath, Emdee
ABSENT: None
VETO: Mayor Brand

Administrative Specialist Khatirah Nazif read the comments submitted via eComment by:

Renee Sorgen, Kathy Mazza, David B., Mickey Marraffino, Alexander Martin, Alisa Beeli, Ronson Chu, Michell Cohens, Shabnam Shams, Mariam Butler, Patrick Hopkins, Pennie Fien, Dick Tam, Kimberly Brooke, Doug Boswell, Susan Andrade, Neelofar Abde, Haji Smith, Mark Nelson, Peter Aziz, Paul Moses, Brianna Egan, Grace Peng, Oren Yuen, Sheila Lamb

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

In response to Councilmember Obagi, Community Development Director Forbes explained that the area at Northrop Grumman FAR was a recommendation from the Planning Commission, to allow for industrial and commercial to continue in the area, and to consider increase in FAR at the Artesia/Aviation plan for City Council to consider. Ms. Nowak reviewed the public institutional and the ones designated as parks and open space are City owned property and reviewed the current General Plan Land Use Designation and utility corridor.

Councilmember Obagi agreed the City has a social responsibility from a global climate change standpoint to minimize the amount of greenhouse gases emitted and plan accordingly. He opposed RHNA at Artesia and Aviation as voted by the Planning Commission causing more traffic to get to the freeway. He said Northrop Grumman has been the City's biggest employer and suggested providing them more ability to build on their property and to make way for space park jobs. He supported increasing the FAR on the industrial and office site.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim to:

1. Increase the FAR in the Industrial area from Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Marine from Aviation to Inglewood to 1.5.
2. Increase FAR AACAP area to 1.5.
3. North of 405 to have 60 dwelling units per acre, residential overlay. If the owners maintain or replace the existing commercial space with the same or greater commercial square footage, they will get a 20% increase in density, with a 60' maximum height as to what can be built.
4. Same conditions to apply at the property immediately south of the Transit Center 70 dwelling units per acre, residential overlay. If the owners maintain or replace the existing commercial space with the same or greater level, they will get a 20% increase in density, with a 60' maximum height.
5. If necessary, Living Spaces, Nordstrom Rack, Sprouts, Total Wine and parking areas 35-dwelling units per acre. If the owners maintain or replace commercial space at same or greater level, they will get a 20% increase in density, 60' maximum height.

Councilmember Emdee reviewed the numbers and the breakdown of her motion as follows:

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath,

- 240 ADUs
 - 153 Very Low/Low & 87 Moderate/Above Moderate

- 788 Residential Recycling – All above moderate
- 32 Vacant Residential – All Above Moderate
- 300 Galleria North (Entitled)
- 148 Units: Artesia/Kingsdale Corner 55 du/acre Mixed Use, 1.5 FAR with park buffer
- 300 Galleria South 30 du/acre, for up to 20% overlay
- 200: PCH Central & Commercial Neighborhood Zone, 30 du/acre
- 45: Sea Lab site mixed-use, 45 du/ac
- 787: AES Site 45 du/acre for up to 35% overlay

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the alternative checklist regarding 25% credit for low income household and affordable housing costs. Ms. Tam stated the requirements are very stringent and is a rare piece of the law and specific projects have to be identified and funding has to be secured ahead of time. She believed it is counterproductive and state law requires the developer to replace existing unit occupied with lower household.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reviewed densities, RHNA numbers, RHNA comparison, Legado project, One South Project, typical South Redondo and apartment development on the Avenues, harbor zoning, dense projects in South Redondo, Extreme density along Catalina, tallest residential building in Redondo, Esplanade wall, Catalina walls, Esplanade with existing, non-conformity, full block construction, Redondo's newest affordable housing, AES site, modern day zoning wants, need direct access to mass transit and close to work centers, Modera West for Air Force Housing, and the Galleria Project. He thanked Councilmember Obagi regarding addressing density and supported setting the RHNA buffer at 10%.

After discussion, Substitute Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to:

1. Increase the FAR in the Industrial area from Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Marine from Aviation to Inglewood to 1.5.
2. Increase FAR AACAP area to 1.5.
3. North of 405 to have 60 dwelling units per acre, residential overlay. If the owners maintain or replace the existing commercial space with the same or greater commercial square footage, they will get a 20% increase in density, with a 60' maximum height as to what can be built.
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5. If necessary, Living Spaces, Nordstrom Rack, Sprouts, Total Wine and parking areas 35-dwelling units per acre. If the owners maintain or replace commercial space at same or greater level, they will get a 20% increase in density, 60' maximum height.
6. Accept the above, utilizing the spreadsheet provided by Councilmember Obagi.
7. Accept GPAC recommendation for PCH South with 30 dwelling units per acre Mixed Use.
8. Reduce buffer to 10% or in line with the buffer represented in the Councilmember Obagi proposal (items 1-5 above).
9. Refer housing overlay to GPAC to consider goals and policies for development.
10. Continue definition discussion.
11. Accept GPAC recommendation for PCH North.
12. Accept GPAC recommendation for PCH Central Option B.
13. Accept GPAC recommendation for Torrance.
14. Accept GPAC recommendation for Kingsdale, adding a residential overlay of 30 dwelling units per acre over the commercial parcels.
15. Staff have the authorization to revise the densities by 10% up or down to meet the RHNA obligations.

Councilmember Emdee noted North Redondo density is much higher with much more traffic than South Redondo, noted the motion on the floor has lower PCH from 35 units/acre to 30 units/acre, and PCH central

from 162 units down to 0, and said she didn't have anything higher than 45 units/acre in her motion and anything else was at 30 units/acre because that HCD of 30 units/acres is affordable. She questioned densifying and expressed Councilmember Obagi's motion putting in 60 units/acre and 70 units/acre next to a freeway in a little corner of North Tech across the street from Lawndale High School, and 897 units in this corner of Redondo Beach. She also expressed concern with a 2.0 FAR on commercial which commercial is five times more traffic than residential. She also expressed concern with 900 units at a density with 897 units over the Vons Shopping Center and will be driving through the neighborhood. She expressed concern with more traffic and said the area has leases that can go there until 2044 and these areas are unlikely to be developed. She said there is a developer is ready to build and can be housing ready within the RHNA cycle. She said there is a public alley driveway at Kingsdale and Artesia and suggested taking that land value on the Condon site and do a land swap and then have a park and have a buffer. She expressed concern with 897 units at the Vons Shopping Center which is a 12-minute walk to the Green Line picking up the Beach Cities Bus to get to the high school which is a 43-minute bus ride. She said free lunches are in the northern school and affordable housing, ignoring hundreds of comments in the name of taking away housing from the south, putting in 900 units in the Vons Shopping Center next to a freeway the farthest away from the school and adding a 2.0 commercial and totally gridlock the area. She also said industrial zoned areas are not conducive to having residential right next to them, and believed there is no interest at this time from the owner of Kingsdale and 182nd to develop for housing.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted schools are overcrowded in South Redondo as well and that Anita and PCH is an F versus putting the same thing next to 405/Greenline/bus lines with almost same acreage. He also said that 90278 is pretty much three districts and can't be compared. He further reviewed the density in South Redondo, believed in urban planning which is fair, and believed the density numbers are not accurate in District 3 presented by Councilmember Emdee.

Councilmember Horvath thanked the Planning Commission and GPAC, expressed concern with state compliance, expressed concern with attacks against he and Councilmember Emdee who has done a great job and focused in the housing issue following the issue with SCAG, stated it is important to make his residents aware of issues, noted numerous North Redondo Beach resident comments and their concerns and shouldn't be dismissed, trying to express how they feel. He said their motion was trying to be equitable and thoughtful, stated he has worked on the AES subcommittee with some component parkland and some small component of residential on the property, stated this body has the ability to make good decisions as it relates to that property, stated he didn't support the Legado project at the time, noted complicated matters and said he didn't feel comfortable making these decisions and getting blamed later, and also pointed out there is no one to the west of Councilmember Loewenstein's district and there are three districts and are complaining and want to be heard.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Bob Pinzler expressed concern with GPAC not having enough time and not being in an easy position, stated the change for the RCFE needs to be codified and will not be included in the PCF zoning.

Robert Gaddis noted passionate arguments based on false information, especially about issues that have been voted on multiple times by the entire City over many years. He also said residents from their single family homes in the least densely housed neighborhood and City district complaining to elected officials who live on 2 or 3 on a lot and being unfairly carrying the housing density burden in the City and attacking elected officials and staff for votes not taken and motions not made on issues not yet discussed. He expressed concern by a Councilmember with no positive agenda and sees political gain in dividing the City, such as rezoning the AES property from parkland to high density residential. He said the AES power plant is zoned parkland and is in another district, and the entire City voted six times against placing residential development on the AES site and the City voted four times to put a park on the AES site. He also reviewed his other concerns regarding not making good land use decisions.

Administrative Specialist Khatirah Nazif read the comments submitted via eComment by:

Michael Garlan, Melanie Cohens, Monique Mitchell

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

Councilmember Emdee clarified it is her job to inform residents of what is happening to them and look up the facts, such as accepting population density by block group done by the census. She also supported having an equitable discussion and expressed concern with putting in 2500 of the units in North Redondo.

Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

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

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Hoefgen stated staff is in the final stages of the budget preparation which will be out over the next few days. He also said staff is approaching capacity in terms of referrals from Council.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS – NONE

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF - NONE

R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT 11:33 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 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 18, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, via teleconference. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk