



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m. - CANCELLED
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Via Teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Brand at 6:01 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Obagi (arrived 6:02 p.m.), Emdee (arrived 6:05 p.m.) Mayor Brand
Councilmembers Absent: None
Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Michael Webb, City Attorney
Joe Hoefgen, City Manager
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

At the request of Mayor Brand, the audience and Councilmembers rose to salute the flag followed by a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced his Community Meeting taking place on August 14 at Alta Vista Park and online on the 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced his District 2 Community Meeting on August 16 from 6 to 7:30 on Zoom.

Councilmember Horvath announced his Community Meeting on August 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and announced a Town Hall meeting on SB9 and SB10, and a meeting on redistricting by LA County at 9 a.m. on August 19.

Councilmember Obagi stated his Community Meeting went well last week and noted a Blue Folder Item discussing his statement on Bar Charges.

Mayor Brand noted that Ryan Bullock won the pier-to-pier swim in 30 minutes. He also said the Riviera Village Festival is cancelling this year due to many issues taking place.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the Order of Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

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

**F.1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY
CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**F.2. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REDONDO BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

RECONVENE: 6:14 P.M.

F. 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 Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file additional materials for items H.3, J.1 and N.2. There being no objections, Mayor Brand so ordered.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

**H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 3, 2021
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

H.3. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:
1. APPROVE TRANSIT SERVICE OPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF HERMOSA BEACH, MANHATTAN BEACH AND EL SEGUNDO FOR THE OPERATION OF BEACH CITIES TRANSIT LINE 109 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022.
2. APPROVE NO-COST FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) 24-HOUR UNMANNED VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT DROP BOX AT DOMINGUEZ PARK FOR THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION AND FUTURE ELECTIONS FOR THE TERM AUGUST 3, 2021 TO AUGUST 2, 2026.

3. APPROVE NO-COST FACILITY USE AGREEMENT AND ELECTION PLAN FOR USE OF ALTA VISTA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AS AN 11-DAY VOTE CENTER WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION FOR THE TERM AUGUST 3, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**H.4. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR A CROSSING
GUARD SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,823 FOR THE
TERM OF AUGUST 3, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022.
CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, POLICE CHIEF**

H.5. PULLED BY MAYOR BRAND FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

- H.6. **EXCUSE ABSENCES OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION MEETINGS CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**
- H.7. **APPROVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE SALE OF 2750 ARTESIA BOULEVARD, #117, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90278.**
1. AGREEMENT CONTAINING COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND OPTIONS TO PURCHASE [MODERATE INCOME]
2. ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
- H.8. **APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ALTA VISTA SEWER PUMP STATION PROJECT, JOB NO. 50300, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS.**
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
- H.9. **APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT 21-22/4-A WITH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000 AND FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,813 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2021 THRU JUNE 30, 2022**
CONTACT: KEITH KAUFFMAN, POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comment submitted via eComment by Laura Zahn.

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

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve Items H.1 through H.9, with the exception of Item H.5. 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.5. **APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROJECT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NETFILE, INC. FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,300 OR \$24,900 FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR E-FILEING AND PLATFORM ADMINISTRATION FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS AND EXTEND THE TERM TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS**
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

Mayor Brand asked about glitches taking place and Netfile indicating the City needing a higher version of the program. City Clerk Manzano believed the City has the highest version at this time.

Mayor Brand stated he will ask the Treasurer to reach out to the City Clerk.

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

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve First Amendment to Project Services Agreement with Netfile, Inc., for an annual amount not to exceed \$8,300 or \$24,900 for the duration of the agreement for E-filing and platform administration for campaign finance disclosure and conflict of interest statements and extend the term to September 5, 2024 with the option for two additional one-year extensions. 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.

Holly Osborne noted paved over areas are very hot, opposed SB9 and SB10 and supported preserving setbacks. She also announced the Town Hall meeting this Saturday at 10 a.m. presented by Councilmember 3.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comments submitted via eComment by:

Michael Sachs, Erika Snow Robinson, Lezlie Campeggi, Chris Voisey

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 TO APPROVE THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TRANSIT CENTER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE NEW TRANSIT CENTER
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Transit Manager Joyce Rooney gave a report and discussed the following:

- Background
 - Transit Center – November 1987
 - Kingsdale/Artesia Blvd.
- Property Management & Maintenance Services Scope of Work
- Term of Agreement and Funding
- RFP Timeline
- Redondo Beach Transit Center
 - 1521 Kingsdale Avenue
 - Construction Completion – January 2022
- Transit Center Property Management & Maintenance Service Area
- Transit Center Aerial View
- Transit Center Facility Amenities
- Regional & Local Transit Services
- Recommendation

- Approve the Request for Proposals for Redondo Beach Transit Center Property Management & Maintenance Services #2122-002

In response to Mayor Brand, Transit Manager Joyce Rooney stated the target date for completion is the end of January but this could be extended.

Councilmember Obagi asked about parking bikes and safety concerns. Transit Manager Joyce Rooney stated there will be bike racks as well as some bike lockers at secure locations on the north side of the property near Kingsdale and at the kiss and ride lot. She also said there will be a security service in place for most of the day and evening. She also said there will be over 100 cameras throughout the facility.

Councilmember Obagi supported providing security for parking of bikes along with cameras.

Public Works Director Ted Semaan believed there will be a very good coverage of cameras over the entire Transit Center.

Transit Manager Joyce Rooney stated the video will have direct link into the police department and will have direct access.

Councilmember Emdee noted Culver City has a bike hub located indoors and supported having safe bike parking and bike lockers/hubs. She also asked about shared roads and explained the bike stations, noting making the bikes safe as possible to encourage people to ride their bikes.

In response to Mayor Brand, Public Works Director Semaan stated staff can explore the integration of the bike security system into the center.

Councilmember Emdee also suggested having a picture in front of the construction site.

Councilmember Nehrenheim believed that cameras are not a deterrent regarding bicycle safety and noted professionals are stealing them. He supported bike lockers and moving forward towards a better design.

Councilmember Obagi supported getting the bike path over to the metro area, greening the bike path on Grant Avenue, bridging over across Inglewood.

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 the City of Redondo Beach Transit Center Property Management and Maintenance Services request for proposal for the new Transit Center. 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 REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND AVIATION BOULEVARD COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS

CONTACT: STEPHEN PROUD, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud gave a report and discussed the following:

- Program Background

- Y2021-2022 Funding
- Current Program Area
- Funding Tiers
- Eligible Improvements
- Program Outreach
- 2614 Artesia Blvd.
- Before and After: 2614 Artesia Blvd.
- 2417 Artesia Blvd.
- Before and After: 2417 Artesia Blvd.
- 1951 Artesia Blvd.
- Before and After: 1951 Artesia Blvd.
- Application Process
- Prospective Updates to the Program
- Program Considerations include:
 - Increase to Tier Funding Caps
 - Expanding Program Boundaries beyond the Artesia/Aviation Corridors

In response to Mayor Brand, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud stated the City has spent all of the first two rounds of funding in its entirety. He also said significant outreach took place at the business level, but noted challenges require the consent of the property owner. He also said the tiers were well-structured to allow people flexibility, and the real question is focusing on the Artesia/Aviation corridor only or expansion to other parts of the City.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked if the program can be massaged to focus more on the smaller businesses along the corridor and asked about the return on investment. Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud explained that return on investment is difficult to measure due to different kinds of storefronts. He suggested sales tax revenue could be measured as well and reviewing the report with HDL and geofencing the area.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested providing credits to businesses in the program. Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud said this would not be the intent of the Store Front Improvement Program.

Senior Management Analyst Elizabeth Hause stated there is the option of limiting the program and allowing which types of business to partake.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked about Artesia versus Aviation, noting Artesia is longer with more businesses but not as many takers on Aviation. He supported enticing more people along Aviation to take advantage of the program.

Senior Management Analyst Hause stated there was some interest from three businesses on Aviation but one didn't follow through and the others didn't complete a project, and there are not as many businesses along that corridor.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he would like to see this program expanded to the rest of the City such as on PCH and at the pier.

Councilmember Obagi supported the mom and pops on the street which are more visible and also supported going to the rest of the City after Artesia and Aviation have been exhausted.

In response to Councilmember Obagi, Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud stated the window will be closed on November 1 but could be extended to December 1 if needed.

Councilmember Obagi supported matching from the business owners. Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud stated any grant funding provided to a business owner is purely a 50/50 match program.

Councilmember Obagi suggested reapplying for the grants only if businesses change hands.

Councilmember Emdee gave a history on how this program was started and stated the previous owner of Good Night Mattress told her about the program. She also said she and staff did the original outreach on Artesia Blvd. and suggested more shade and walk improvements to encourage more walking to make the boulevard more enticing. She also said the ROI isn't in line with the goal of enticing businesses to invest.

Councilmember Horvath supported the program on Artesia Blvd. and Aviation for awhile to see the interests, and also suggested expansion after some type of cut off window.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested keeping the money on Artesia Blvd. rather than expanding out to the City and to put any money toward the mural fund and improving aesthetics.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Benjamin Gunter stated the program has been successful and supported it. He also supported the store front part integrated into the community and being pedestrian friendly and suggested generalizing the language enhancing the functionality of the store front and making it a community asset. He also pointed out that the stores have rear entrances that people use and are not visible from the street, and stated he would be happy to do additional outreach.

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

Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud supported outside dining adjacent to the street/visible to the street, activating the street, making it a more walkable active type of environment. He also noted businesses not visible from the street which can be reviewed by staff to make a determination.

Mayor Brand supported doing something meaningful to Artesia Blvd. and noted huge discussions with renaming it Redondo Beach Boulevard. He also supported expanding the program to the waterfront.

Councilmember Emdee suggested increasing the tiers if they are a revenue generating to the City, providing more incentives. She also said there is demand for bike racks along the Boulevard and at the business locations.

Councilmember Obagi stated the majority of participants in a poll he provided voted against changing the name of Artesia Blvd. to Redondo Beach Blvd. He also supported outdoor dining areas but parking requirements will have to be changed first.

Waterfront & Economic Development Director Proud explained any improvement has to be compliant with anything with zoning or planning regulations.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to continue the program to the November 1 date, come back with any extra money not allocated and to rule out certain businesses such as chains, stores set back and not store front, and no prohibition on people buying for a second time.

Friendly Amendment by Councilmember Loewenstein to allow staff to expand the program to other business corridors throughout the City if after November 1 the program has not gone through the amount of money allocated. Councilmembers Nehrenheim and Obagi accepted the Amended Motion. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

O.1. STATUS REPORT ON CITY SERVICES AND PHASED REOPENING OF CITY FACILITIES DUE TO COVID-19. CONTACT: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hoefgen gave an overview of progress made related to services and facilities.

Jacqueline Sun, BCHD, gave a report on the following:

- Increase in rates
- Trends
- Daily deaths
- Reopened without restrictions – increase in numbers
- Deaths have doubled
- Hospitalizations increased
- Surges due to delta
- Daily new cases per 100,000
- Increase in case rates among younger adults
- New masking requirements
- Break through cases
- Delta variant
- 10,656 reported cases among those fully vaccinated
- 410 Hospitalizations
- 35 deaths
- Vaccinations numbers in the Beach Cities
- Testing availability and requirements
- Vaccination list

City Manager Hoefgen stated City Hall is now open for all services and staff is returning in shifts.

Planning Manager Sean Scully stated they had a soft opening and installed an online appointment system. He reviewed the hours for Planning and Building, staff and plan check process. He said the process is electronic with Zoom meetings and reviewed their interaction and activity.

In response to Mayor Brand regarding booster shots, Ms. Sun said there has been talk about Pfizer getting authorization for booster shots and a different vaccine for the delta variant, and Pfizer and Moderna are seeking FDA approval to include children six months to 11 years old.

Councilmember Emdee suggested including in the graphs how many are unvaccinated, and also said that children still cannot get the vaccine yet. She asked what the School District is doing with reopening. Ms. Sun said the South Bay Adult School would be geared toward the students.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the second shot and being a low number. Ms. Sun stated 80 to 90 percent of those who received the first shot are coming back for their second doses.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported City Hall being open again which is supported by the general public.

Councilmember Obagi asked about the delta variant and being outdoors. Ms. Sun stated the guidance is currently for masks indoors only, but the delta variant is very contagious and guidance may change.

Financial Services Director Jennifer Paul gave a report on their hours of operation and noted there are only walk-ins taking place.

Community Services Director Cameron Harding spoke on the Artesia Boulevard location and reviewed their hours of operation. He said their goal is to open up during regular business hours next month, and noted appointment based services which are also available online.

Mayor Brand called for public comment via Zoom and eComment.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comment submitted via eComment by Lina Portolese.

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

City Manager Hoefgen stated staff is following the CDC guidelines, and anyone coming into City Hall needs to be masked and all employees need to be masked. He said there is no minimum distancing at this time, and Redondo Beach is one of the last cities to return to regular hours. He said conditions will continue to be monitored and testing is available and accessible.

Mayor Brand noted weekly testing will start being implemented. City Manager Hoefgen stated this has been considered but the City is currently not going in this direction at this time.

Mayor Brand encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Councilmember Obagi asked how many cases the City had subsequent to the vaccine being widely available. City Manager Hoefgen stated the one case has been isolated and traced.

Councilmember Obagi asked about the City working entirely remotely. City Manager Hoefgen stated virtual meetings have become routine and employees have adjusted to working remotely.

IT Director Chris Benson stated they are well-situated to handle remote work as long as needed by the City. He said the only issue is employees not having their own equipment at home which may need to be purchased. He also said their department has kept up with their work and issues can be taken care of remotely.

Councilmember Obagi asked why Council cannot reconvene in the Chambers. City Manager Hoefgen noted new technology and training will be needed.

IT Director Benson said the Chamber is ready to go except for a few small changes.

City Clerk Manzano stated it may be difficult wearing masks indoors and sitting close to each other.

Councilmember Obagi asked about Zoom for the residents. IT Director Benson stated this technology stays and the Chamber can participate in Zoom sessions.

In response to Mayor Brand, City Clerk Manzano stated the Council can still participate remotely.

City Attorney Webb stated this item will be coming back in September.

Councilmember Emdee asked how many people in City Hall are vaccinated? Human Resource Director Diane Strickfaden stated quite a few people showed up when it was being offered and Public Safety is around 85 to 90 percent and Public Works is very high as well.

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

**P.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING THE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR 2021 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE VOTING DELEGATE FORM
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

It was determined that Councilmember Loewenstein will be the voting delegate and Mayor Brand will be the alternate voting delegate.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the tree ordinance. Public Works Director Semaan stated he will check the schedule and report back.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the CEQA ordinance. City Attorney Webb stated his office will be contacting Council early next week.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked staff to bring back a discussion on maintenance at the pier the second meeting in September.

Mayor Brand also noted complaints regarding the bathrooms at the pier.

Councilmember Obagi asked if Community Services Director Cameron Harding can present to the Council on the status of community services, what they are doing, opportunities to improve, and engaging with City Council.

Mayor Brand asked about the status of strategic planning. Assistant City Manager Witzansky stated there are resources in the current budget.

R. ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 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, August 10, 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