



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Open Session - Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi 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, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi
Councilmembers Absent:	Mayor Brand
Officials Present:	Michael Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**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 Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment. There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

**F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:30 p.m.**

**F.1. 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:**

**AIDS Healthcare Foundation and City of Redondo Beach v. Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as California Attorney General; State of California; and Does 1 to 100**

**Case Number: 21STCP03149**

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to recess at 4:32 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park and Outside Legal Counsel Beverly Grossman Palmer. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

**G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**H. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Horvath, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi
Councilmembers Absent:	Brand
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney

Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky announced that Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to appeal the decision related to the case identified in F.1 on a go forward basis.

**J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. to a regular meeting. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi 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, Emdee, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi
Councilmembers Absent:	Brand
Officials Present:	Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk Michael Webb, City Attorney Mike Witzansky, City Manager Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION**

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

**D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**D.1. INTRODUCTION OF HONORABLE HOLLY J. MITCHELL AS REDONDO BEACH'S NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR.**

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell reviewed her concerns with the Green Line Extension and supported the Hawthorne elevation route.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comments submitted via eComment by Janette Kurth.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

**D.2. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE BY CITY CLERK ELEANOR MANZANO TO THE NEW SR. DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR, SUZANNE DELGIN**

Item D.2 was continued.

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced his Community Meeting this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Alta Vista and his online community meeting tomorrow night and shared information on the new crosswalk in the Riviera Village.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced his District 2 meeting that took place in person last evening, stated the next community virtual meeting for the King Harbor Amenities Plan will take place on May 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., spoke on Beach Life which was very successful and thanked staff for all their help.

Councilmember Horvath announced his District 3 virtual Community Meeting tomorrow night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with special guest City Manager Witzansky speaking on the budget and CIP.

Councilmember Emdee announced the compost giveaway this Saturday at Wilderness Park from 8 a.m. to noon, and stated she attended Beach Life which was very successful.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi stated his next Community Meeting will take place in July and thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their great work at Beach Life.

**E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve the Order of Agenda as presented. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

**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 material for Items D.1, J.1, L.1, N.2, N.5, and P.1. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF May 17, 2022**  
**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 12, 2022 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING**  
**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS**  
**CHECKS 28159-28197 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,726.12, PD. 5/13/22**  
**DIRECT DEPOSIT 248209-248730 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,801,375.30, PD. 5/13/22**  
**EFT/ACH \$7,557.23, PD. 4/15/22 (PP2208)**  
**EFT/ACH \$362,209.91, PD. 4/27/22 (PP2208)**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS**  
**CHECKS 103456-103674 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,999,558.88**  
**REPLACEMENT DEMAND 103455 \$5,044.00**  
**CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.5. APPROVE CONTRACTS UNDER \$35,000:**  
**1. APPROVE A TRANSIT CENTER USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND THE CITY OF LAWDALE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

**2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC LINES AND SERVICE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND FRANCISCA AVENUE AT 304 ½ S. FRANCISCA AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,237.14 EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2022 UNTIL COMPLETED.**

**3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THALES CONSULTING, INC. FOR PREPARATION AND FILING OF REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,800 FOR THE TERM MAY 17, 2022 TO MAY 16, 2026.**

**4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIFTH ASSET, INC. DBA DEBTBOOK FOR LEASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH COMPLIANCE TO THE NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR LEASES REQUIRED BY GASB 87 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,775 FOR THE TERM MAY 17, 2022 TO MAY 16, 2023.  
CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**H.6. EXCUSE ABSENCE FOR COMMISSIONER SCOTT K. BEHRENDT ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**H.7. RECEIVE AND FILE MONTHLY UPDATES TO THE SIX-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022.  
CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER**

**H.8. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) FOR CITY USE OF THE SCE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT HERONDO STREET AND CATALINA AVENUE FOR A TOTAL EXPENSE OF \$15,102.71 AND A FIVE-YEAR TERM FROM JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2027  
CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

**H.9. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2205-029, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO MONICA QUINTERO, AN INDIVIDUAL APPROVE THE LEASE WITH MONICA QUINTERO, AN INDIVIDUAL, FOR A MONTHLY MINIMUM RENT OF \$2,306.25 AND A TERM OF MAY 17, 2022 THROUGH MAY 16, 2027  
CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.10. PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER EMDEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

**H.11. APPROVE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DIVISION OF BOATING & WATERWAYS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASIN 2 SEWER PUMP OUT STATION UPGRADE PROJECT, JOB NO. 50310  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.12. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2205-028, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.13. APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD RESURFACING PROJECT FROM TORRANCE CIRCLE TO PROSPECT AVENUE, JOB NO. 41230 AND THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD & FRANCISCA AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION**

**PROJECT, JOB NO. 41070, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PROJECTS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.14. APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS WITH PERFORMANCE MARINE AND KING HARBOR MARINE CENTER FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF HARBOR PATROL VESSEL UNIT 801 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$57,909.24**

**CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**H.15. APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST LEGISLATION AND BUDGET REQUEST**

**CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**H.16. APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC., FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE TRAINING TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC. FOR THE TERM OF MAY 25, 2022 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2023.**

**CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY**

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve Consent Calendar Items H.1 through H.16, with the exception of pulled Item H.10. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only which were included on the Consent Calendar.

#### **I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**H.10. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AFFORDABILITY AGREEMENTS FOR THE HERITAGE POINTE SENIOR APARTMENTS PROJECT**

**APPROVE AN AFFORDABLE UNIT OVERCHARGE AGREEMENT FOR THE HERITAGE POINTE SENIOR APARTMENTS PROJECT**

**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Don Szerlip, District 4, resident of Heritage Pointe, discussed the median income and requested clarification on the calculations and refunding overages to median income residents, and asked that the document be revised.

City Manager Witzansky stated the original documents lacked significant clarity, the various agreements have been reconciled and suggested a fair and clear resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi reviewed the affordability definitions and stated this proposal is to come up with one uniform method for determining what is affordable in the project for the residents and owners.

Kathe Head, Keyser Marston Associates, Inc., gave a report on the subsequent agreement and stated the area median income was defined along with the rents and are both published numbers by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee in compliance with IRC142. She also said the agreements always said that the rents were based on benchmark household sizing, and the number of bedrooms in the unit +1 became the benchmark standard for setting rents, not for setting the income of the households.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve an amendment to the Affordability Agreements and an Affordable Unit Overcharge Agreement for the Heritage Pointe Senior Apartments project. There being no objections, motion carried with Councilmember Nehrenheim absent.

#### **J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Sara Martin, District 1, reviewed her concerns regarding domestic terrorism and racism.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to receive and file documentation presented by Ms. Martin. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

Don Szerlip reviewed his concerns communicating with the City.

Mary Drummer, District 1, supported Beach Cities Health District and reviewed their involvement in the City.

Holly Osborne, District 5, spoke on the Housing Element and SCAG in the process, and suggested emailing Al Muratsuchi with a letter of thanks for not supporting AB1398 and calling for an audit and also emailing Senator Allen noting disappointment for voting for AB1398 which punishes all cities in the area. She also asked that both work with Assemblymember Bloom to suspend the due date for the SCAG housing element until a new RHNA allocation is determined for the SCAG area. She supported uniting the other legislatures and assemblymembers as well.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

#### **K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Nehrenheim disclosed speaking with Councilmember Loewenstein, Mayor Brand and City Manager Witzansky.

Councilmember Loewenstein disclosed speaking with Councilmember Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand, City Manager Witzansky and the public.

Councilmember Horvath disclosed speaking with City Manager Witzansky.

Councilmember Emdee disclosed speaking with City Manager Witzansky.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi disclosed speaking with City Manager Witzansky.

#### **L. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

**PROCEDURES:**

- a. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and**
- b. Continue Public Hearing to June 7, 2022**

**CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to open the public hearing. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

City Manager Witzansky gave a presentation and discussed the following:

- Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget
- City Manager's Budget Message
- Core Budget
- Decision Packages
- Budget Response Reports
- Decision Package Criteria
- General Fund Budget Summary
- Budget Calendar
- Recommendation

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein, City Manager Witzansky reviewed the ending balance of \$11M and explained that Council appropriated a significant amount of money for the Beryl Street project and additional draws on the ISF allocations took place that drew the figure down further. He said the \$11M is fairly conservative and said there is a chance the fiscal year will be closed at a level higher.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked about the 1.7%. City Manager Witzansky stated this is staff's best recommended use of the funds, and also said the needs are much greater than \$4.5M for pier parking over the next five to ten years.

Councilmember Loewenstein suggested looking at a second opinion for an engineering firm and possibly looking at infrastructure bonds. He also expressed concern with spending the entire balance. City Manager Witzansky pointed out there is no recommendation to allocate any of the \$5M+ CalPERS reserve account.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported the replenishment of the Uplands and Tidelands Funds. City Manager Witzansky stated additional funding should start coming online in the next couple of years.

Councilmember Loewenstein requested a BRR for a second opinion from an engineering firm.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi regarding using bonds throughout the City, City Manager Witzansky stated a formal presentation will take place on June 14 addressing bond resources and annual debt service payments.

Councilmember Nehrenheim informed that the bond rates have already been priced-in a long time ago, not losing out on the higher numbers. He supported the budget presentation being more clear and easier to read and supported the layout and the setup of the BRR's. He also requested a list of BRR's over the last three to four years.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment. There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file and continue the Public Hearing to June 7, 2022. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

**M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

**N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) REGARDING THE METRO C (GREEN) LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE PROJECT  
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes stated this is a continued item and gave a report on the recommendation of a submittal of a letter to Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) regarding the METRO C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance Project.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated he attended the walking tour and noted concerns being a retaining wall 5 feet from a resident's yard and train cars going by every 7 minutes. He said the location should be away from houses down the median of Hawthorne, feeding the Galleria, with the cost being about the same.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi said people are against running the Metro train in the backyard of residences and the line should not run through the Redondo Beach right-of-way.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated the Board of Supervisors are made up of five and have to pass by majority of three and suggested all supervisors be included to receive the letter and all concerns.

Councilmember Horvath also said the focus has to be on every Metro board member going forward in conjunction with Lawndale and Torrance, focusing on Torrance, promoting a Hawthorne alignment.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi also suggested including Supervisor Hahn.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Don Szerlip referred to the letter which should point out specific information to validate opinions and believed it should be directed to the EIR with all questions. He also pointed out that most residents against this proposal did not attend the tours out to the Gold Line. He said Torrance does not want the line going down the middle of the boulevard due to the sound well beyond the infrastructure. He also said the letter does not indicate the City spending millions of dollars on building a transportation center or addresses what it means to be a rider. He further said the letter does not address the safety of someone in the middle of a 10-lane street elevated 20 feet up, and believed that revenues will not be improved along the boulevard.

Barry Ogle, Condon Avenue, stated he is an engineer and noted a 60 degree hill behind his house, backing up to the Metro line, and a pipeline underneath exposed due to rain. He supported the line being kept on Hawthorne Boulevard and said the sound will dissipate in a bigger area. He also said the 5-foot right-of-way would be on the east side and said he can extend his house another 5 feet. He stated a good retaining wall will be needed, noting sink holes around the Breakwater Village area on the south end. He further said a freight train considered other than the main line is not allowed to go beyond 15 to 20 mph. He said he is available for help and supported the line running down Hawthorne Boulevard.

Wayne Craig, Redondo Beach, stated he attended the last walking tour, noted the sink hole at Ruxton, stated drilling was taking place and the front yards are now unusable. He said there are geological issues that need to be addressed and presented an audio he identified as the Gold Line, which is very loud. He also said all County Supervisors should receive a letter.



Sarah Mann, Breakwater Village, said the right-of-way is on the east side of their building, and expressed concern with moving the freight train closer to their property which will be harmful. She invited all Councilmembers and Supervisors to visit their complex.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Vickie Kroneberger read the comments submitted via eComment by Niki Negrete-Mitchell.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve the submittal of a letter to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) regarding the METRO C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance Project.

Amendment by Councilmember Loewenstein to include in the letter the 5-foot distance proposal of the retaining wall. Mayor Pro Tem Obagi and Councilmember Horvath accepted the amendment.

There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

**N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE SOLICITATION OF DESIGN FIRMS FOR THE RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE SEASIDE LAGOON**  
**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

City Manager Witzansky gave a staff report regarding proposals for the solicitation of design firms for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Seaside Lagoon.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi noted concerns include the Harbor Commission not being included, disqualifying Mr. Sanford's firm and suggested opening this up to all firms as long as they incorporate the aquatic component. He also expressed concern with having excessive palm trees in the area.

Councilmember Loewenstein expressed concern with huge grassy areas in the middle of a drought and asked about the Harbor Commission being involved. City Manager Witzansky supported the Harbor Commission being a big part of the ultimate scope of work with the final design firm.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated the area is multipurpose, expressed concern limiting the area just to aquatic design type groups and suggested using a general design group.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported all input and the priority being the Seaside Lagoon and the water area. He also suggested review by the Harbor Commission.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, City Manager Witzansky stated the Harbor Amenities Plan should be done by August, before contracting with a design firm. He also explained that aquatic design firms are experts and will review proposals and suggestions.

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported moving this forward with obtaining information from different companies at this point, obtaining resumes, and suggested the Harbor Commission can provide input later.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Rolf Strutzenberg, Redondo Beach, supported design input, noted AES has the intake permit regarding the use of seawater, and stated a new intake permit would be required of the City or having to go with freshwater, especially if it has to be drained a couple of times a year for Beach Life.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Amenities Working Committee, recommended a postponement of a decision tonight, noting the Amenities Plan meeting will take place May 23. He supported the committee meeting on May 23, community input on May 31, and the Harbor Commission meeting on June 13 with their input, which will be of great value.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, City Manager Witzansky stated there are specific requirements associated with parking in the LCP and any parking adjusted for facility expansion will have to be picked up somewhere else or provided through some alternative transportation. He also believed the real work will begin in August/September after talking to the firms, not in May/June.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to move forward with the RFP with a broadened scope of qualifications as to who can respond. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

**N.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A CHANGE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS**

**INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3230-22, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 3 REGARDING THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS. FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.  
CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Hoffman gave a presentation and discussed the following:

- Catalytic converter thefts
- Catalytic converter thefts by quarter
- Catalytic converter background and why they are stolen
- Catalytic converter enforcement
- Not being able to identify the victim - cannot prosecute
- RBMC Title 3, Chapter 15 - unlawful possession of a catalytic converter
- Recommendation

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, Senior Deputy City Attorney Jillian Martins stated the ordinance is based on other beach cities, and noted staff looked at the different ordinances all around the state, determining the pieces favored the most, incorporating them into the City's ordinance. She also said a criminal monetary penalty would include fines and seeking restitution for the victims of the crimes. She said there is the Redondo Beach Serious Crime Reduction Fund but a specific fund could be created for fines.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, Chief Hoffman said if anyone was convicted and had to serve jail time, it would be at the LA County Jail. He said the catalytic converter thefts would be a misdemeanor and serving jail sentences would be minimal. He also said insurance companies don't cover these losses and most victims pay out of pocket.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi supported the ordinance and creating a fund for catalytic converter theft victims.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, Chief Hoffman stated that \$200 to \$600 can be obtained from the catalytic converter thefts, but it depends on the size of the catalytic converter.

Councilmember Emdee agreed this ordinance is needed and will be an important tool.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked if there is a way for residents to get back their catalytic converters. Chief Hoffman suggested RBPd and a license plate on the vehicle or driver's license number and any identifiable information. He also supported engraving and car shops offering this as a service.

City Attorney Webb encouraged amending the ordinance to make it a fine of \$1,000, noting the standard misdemeanor is \$1,000. He also expressed concern with creating a victim reimbursement fund and its management. He suggested setting up an account with Financial Services, offer a plea bargain, where they could donate to the fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Gregory Thomas did not believe a fine would be helpful, stated catalytic converters are not part of the title of ownership and are retained by the state, and noted the stealing operation includes several other vehicles and others.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to introduce by title only Ordinance No. 3230-22, as amended, with the fine being increased to \$1,000, with further direction to staff to work with Financial Services pertaining to crime reduction fund plea bargain donations.

There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano read by title only Ordinance No. 3230-22.

**N.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF POLICY BARRIERS AND CHANGES TO PROCESS  
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

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

- Recent History - Neighborhood TC
- Policy/Process Current Barriers
  - All-Way Stop Request Current Barriers
  - Traffic Calming Current Barriers
- Policy/Process Proposed Improvements
  - All-Way Stop Request Proposed Improvements
  - Traffic Calming Request Proposed Improvements
- AWS Flowchart
- TC Flowchart
- Improved Communications
  - Tracking and Report Systems
  - Public Information Improvements
- Recommendations
  - Provide input and direction on current policies and procedures
  - Approve proposed All-Way Stop policy/procedure modifications
  - Approve proposed Traffic Calming policy/procedure modifications

Councilmember Nehrenheim supported the Policy by Flowchart and suggested sending this back to the Public Works Commission for their input.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported the 15-week timeline and also recommended including the status to follow as part of the Internal Communications Project Status.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment. There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, to approve proposed All-Way Stop Policy/procedure modifications and proposed Traffic Calming Policy/procedure modifications. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

**N.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROGRAMS AND GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS ON COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS**  
**CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

Assistant to the City Manager Luke Smude gave a presentation and discussed the following:

- Electric Vehicle Charging - funding and partnership opportunities
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- California's projected NEV/share is \$383.6M over five year period
- Alternative fuel corridors
  - Pacific Coast Highway
  - San Juan Capistrano to San Simeon
  - Interstate 405
- SCE Charge Ready Program
- Evaluating multiple waterfront lots
- Recommendation
  - Council provide feedback on future sites
  - Staff prepare for application submissions

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi suggested getting in touch with the Galleria developers. He also suggested the site under the SCE right-of-way on Artesia Boulevard which is more open.

Councilmember Horvath suggested continuing to facilitate EV charging stations at as many public places as possible and having chargers on Artesia Boulevard.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested charging for electric bikes. He also noted that SCE infrastructure does not allow for super chargers in South Redondo and questioned any impacts. He also suggested using the parking lot at the end of the Esplanade and also the Alta Vista location. He supported this as being a visitor serving amenity for people coming outside of Redondo, such as at the PAC. He also noted hydrogen power.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi suggested setting up signage to direct people to the stations, and also said renters need this availability.

Councilmember Loewenstein suggested Dominguez Park with many apartment buildings close by where there is no ability for residents to charge vehicles, and supported bringing these stations to residents as well. He also suggested Anderson Park, and anywhere closer to large developments, public lands or parks.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Carissa Gallardo stated she rents on Agate Street with no access to charging and suggested Dominguez Park or Anderson Park as potential locations.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi supported maximizing the amount of charging stations throughout the City.

Councilmember Emdee believed there is a law that landlords are required to provide electric charging stations.

City Manager Witzansky said there is a Tesla charging facility at the Marine Avenue Hotel complex open to the public. Councilmember Emdee said there are several available on the top and are free, only paying for parking.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, to receive and file the report.

There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

#### **O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Witzansky thanked staff for their work at BeachLife with no major incidents taking place and announced that Library Director Susan Anderson will be retiring in August.

Councilmember Nehrenheim thanked staff for their help at BeachLife, and also supported the new dais, the black and white logo, and the new name tags.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi supported BeachLife and the new presentation of the security this year compared to last year.

#### **P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

##### **P.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND APPOINTMENTS TO A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISOR COMMITTEE**

##### **ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2204-022, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISOR COMMITTEE**

City Clerk Manzano gave a report on the Charter Review Advisory Committee Appointments CC 05/17/2022. The following appointments were discussed:

Mayor Brand: Appointee Mark Narain, Alternate Roger Light, and Appointee Joe Dawidziak and Alternate Wayne Craig.

Councilmember Nehrenheim: Appointee Rolf Strutzenberg and Alternate Jerry Woodham.

Councilmember Loewenstein: Appointee Eugene Solomon and Alternate Rob Gaddis.

Councilmember Horvath: Appointee Ron Maroko and Alternate Matthew Hinsley.

Councilmember Emdee: Appointee Kathy Wunderli and Alternate Norma Tabares.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi: Appointee Bob Pinzler and Alternate Julie Young.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi stated Mayor Brand will appoint Rolf Strutzenberg as the initial Chair.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Eugene Solomon, Redondo Beach, suggested releasing information on the meetings ahead of time to allow for ample notification.

City Attorney Webb stated it will be determined by the Charter Review Committee regarding the best date to meet going forward.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi closed the public comment period.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to adopt by title only Resolution No. CC-2204-022. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Manzano read by title only Resolution No. CC-2204-022.

**Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF**

None.

**R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE**

**T. ADJOURNMENT: 9:42 P.M.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 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, June 7, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. 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,

  
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Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk