



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, June 14, 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 Acting Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein at 4:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Nehrenheim, Horvath, Emdee, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
Councilmembers Absent:	Councilmember Obagi, 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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file additional items for F2. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:35 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:

City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board

Case Number: 20STCP03193

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:

Luke Carlson, et al v City of Redondo Beach, et al.

Case Number: 2:20-cv-00259-ODW-SS

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).

Name of case:
Redondo Beach Waterfront, LLC. v City of Redondo Beach

Court of Appeal Case Number: B311039

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:
John Velasquez vs. City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: WCAB# ADJ12748659; ADJ14237307

Motion by Acting Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to recess at 4:35 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Police Chief Hoffman, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, and Outside Legal Counsel Jon Weiner, Missy O'Linn, and Carolyn Beliso. There being no objections, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein 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 stated there was no reportable action in Closed Session and Councilmember Nehrenheim was recused for Item F2.

J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. to a regular meeting. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi at 6:21 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:	Mayor 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

Councilmember Nehrenheim announced his Community Meeting taking place on Saturday at Alta Vista and said his online meeting will be moved up to the following week discussing Project Home Key and Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilmember Loewenstein announced the RBPB's Pancake Breakfast last Sunday, stated his District 2 Community Meeting will be held tomorrow evening on June 15 on the 2nd floor of the Main Library at 5:30 p.m. discussing the budget and BCHD program.

Councilmember Horvath stated he will be moving his District 3 Community Meeting to Saturday, June 25th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Zoom discussing the King Harbor Amenities Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi announced the restaurant El Tarasco opening up on Artesia Boulevard.

E. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

City Manager Witzansky requested removing Item H.8 from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the Order of Agenda as presented with the removal of Item H.8. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

F. AGENCY RECESS - NONE

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to receive and file additional material for Items J.1, L.1, and L.2. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF June 14, 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. MAY 3, 2022 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING

B. MAY 10, 2022 ADJOURNED REGULAR & REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.4. EXCUSE ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.5. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2206-035, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

CONTACT: DIANE STRICKFADEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- H.6. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS AT THE INTERSECTION OF FELTON LANE AND RUHLAND AVENUE
CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**
- H.7. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH LISA PADILLA DBA CITYWORKS DESIGN FOR PREPARATION OF THE OBJECTIVE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 WITH NO CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$139,955 TO BE FULLY REIMBURSED BY SB2 GRANT FUNDS
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**
- H.8. REMOVED BY STAFF.**
- H.9. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BAY CENTER SPE, LLC, FOR CONTINUED OVERTIME DEPLOYMENT OF CITY POLICE OFFICERS AT THE SOUTH BAY GALLERIA FOR AN ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000, WITH A CITY CREDIT OF \$30,000, AND TO EXTEND THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2023, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR
CONTACT: JOSEPH HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

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

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to approve Consent Calendar Items H.1 through H.9, with the exception of Item H.8. 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

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Jonatan Cvetko spoke on Item H.8 and expressed concern with delays and pushing the entire ordinance to 2024. He also expressed concern with HDL Coren & Cone and reviewed his concerns.

Vivek Gupta, Public Safety Commission, supported bringing attention to the issue of increasing social media presence in Redondo Beach, and he provided some examples.

Aberdina Kumal, US Army veteran, District 4, spoke on Bukshani and requested hosting their event at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and the gymnasium on October 7, 8 and 9.

Lara Duke, Redondo Beach, spoke on the Beach Cities Health District Healthy Living Campus Plan and expressed concern with the large size, height, and impacts to the residents, traffic, construction, and being on PCF zoned land and suggested it be made affordable.

Holly Osborne asked about Section 8 subsidies for affordable housing and spoke on an article in the LA Times regarding LA homeless efforts and rehabbing older units.

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, City Staff and the public on Item L1, and City Staff, Mayor Brand and the public on Item L2.

Councilmember Loewenstein disclosed speaking with Councilmember Nehrenheim, Mayor Brand, City Staff and the public on Item L1 and Mayor Brand on Item L2.

Councilmember Horvath disclosed speaking with Councilmember Emdee, Staff and the public on Item L1 and Staff and the public on Item L2.

Councilmember Emdee disclosed speaking with Councilmember Horvath, Staff and the public on Item L1 and Douglas Sieker on Item L2.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi disclosed speaking with Mayor Brand and the public on Item L1 and the public on Item L2.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS.

PROCEDURES:

- a. Reconvene the Public Hearing, take testimony; and**
- b. Continue Public Hearing to June 21, 2022; and**
- c. Receive and file Budget Response Reports.**

CONTACT: JENNIFER PAUL, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to reconvene the Public Hearing. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Witzansky gave a staff report on the procedures and presentations.

Public Works Director Ted Semaan gave a report and discussed the CIP Highlights of projects completed.

City Engineer Andy Winje gave a report and discussed the five year history.

Senior Management Analyst Jesse Reyes gave a report and discussed recommended Funding FY 22-23 and carryover funding 2021-22.

Public Works Director Semaan discussed the FY 22-23 CIP Summary and FY 2022-23 CIP Project Highlights.

Principal Engineer Lauren Sablan spoke on the background on parking structures, the Walker Consultants status and pier parking structure – CIP FY 2022-23 and staff recommendation.

Walker Consultants presented the following:

Behnam Arya:

- Findings
- Key elements of the project
- South Pier Deficiencies
- North Pier Deficiencies
- Plaza Parking Structure Deficiencies

- North Pier Seismic Evaluation
- Northridge Earthquake
- North Pier Seismic Analysis
- North Pier Seismic Retrofit

Suhail Hassan:

- Deterioration Curve of Parking Structure
- Chloride Ion content vs. depth

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City Engineer Andy Winje spoke on the following:

- Recommended seismic, structural and waterproofing repairs
- Estimated replacement cost

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, Mr. Arya stated repairs are taking place to continue the service of the structure at \$600K a year ongoing.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, City Engineer Andy Winje and City Manager Witzansky reviewed the closure of the parking lots.

In response to Councilmember Loewenstein regarding the upgrades, Mr. Arya stated this would be for existing structures, not new structures. He also reviewed the shear wall locations, and explained the seismic retrofitting and forces, protection on the rebars, the south structure, and explained the repairs and retrofit.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, Mr. Hassan stated the \$65M is the construction for a 50 year structure taking approximately a year. Messrs. Arya and Hassan explained the minimal maintenance and construction costs and supported active maintenance and reviewed annual costs. Councilmember Emdee also stated safety is important.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the upper pier area regarding the weight load, Mr. Arya said repair is taking place to strengthen the structure, not to add more loads.

Councilmember Nehrenheim stated he was interested in seeing upgrades to the top of the structure and supported going forward with repairs.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi regarding looking at other firms, City Manager Witzansky said there is a BRR regarding this information.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi also asked about coastal parking structure examples that have been rehabbed. Mr. Nguyen said there is an example in Huntington Beach but the City's pier structure is right on the water. Mr. Arya also said they just submitted repair drawings for the Hermosa Avenue project but not on the pier.

Dan Massiello, Kosmont Companies, gave a report and discussed the following:

- Market overview
- Historical rates
- Market outlook
- Potential financing approaches
- General next steps to proceed

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, City Manager Witzansky stated the figures provided are a starting point and believed that the revenue sources for this fiscal year and year after, even during a recession,

should remain fairly consistent. He also noted potential reduced home values and index decline and potential sensitivity in outward decline in TOT and sales tax.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted the ability to service the bond can cause impacts and a recession can lower interest rates. He also said there are new revenues coming online. City Manager Witzansky stated the \$5M is there to cover costs. He also explained the trending bond rates and noted that refinancing cannot take place within a certain period. He also reviewed projects for funding to include major public facilities and said staff can come back in July with a list of potential uses and looking at what is affordable.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim, Mr. Massiello explained that a \$100M bond will gain a lot of attention in the market. He also reviewed callable bonds and options for a 30-year bond.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file Ms. Susan Higgins' comments. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi so ordered.

Susan Higgins, Redondo Beach, advocated to approve a new capital improvement budget to construct a dedicated pickleball facility to include 6 to 8 permanent courts, lighting, seating and fencing, in the same location. She suggested the open field and the waterfront parking lot adjacent to Ruby's at Aviation Park. She also reviewed the benefits and the time needed for beginners to advanced players, and the costs.

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim regarding the harbor area next to Gold's Gym at the outdoor patio for pickleball, City Manager Witzansky stated this is in the Tidelands and would require a coastal dependent use and the Coastal Commission would need to review. He also noted topographical challenges, noise, investing in this facility, and the best location.

Councilmember Loewenstein stated El Segundo is charging \$15/hour for pickleball, and also requested a BRR for the \$140K extra for the skatepark. City Manager Witzansky noted cost of materials, concrete to the site, two options to include supplementing the budget, constructing both phases at once, or pushing under the original agreement.

City Engineer Winje stated the estimate for the original project was at \$110K but the project fell behind in pricing.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about the Walker work in the north parking structure and expected construction timeline. City Engineer Winje stated the timeline would be approximately one year and noted access issues with typical delivery vehicles for concrete.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file a letter submitted by Roger Carlson from the Harbor Commission. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

Roger Carlson supported the budget for the harbor and great projects and the Harbor Commission supports execution of capital improvements and Decision Packages that affect the harbor. He reviewed additional comments to include evaluation of the other basins and concrete wall at the north end of the break wall. He supported the boardwalk repair and suggested the gate on the north side of the parking lot be reopened, and to add cameras to the dining deck above the International Boardwalk and the new skatepark along with internet for the businesses. He also supported the sport fishing pier, the skatepark improvements having both phases at once, and adding Moonstone Park. He also requested skatepark features to include stage and entertainment activities, supported the current multi-use and suggested including public art.

Patty Perkins, Redondo Beach, supported a standalone pickleball facility in Redondo Beach.

Bobby Trevino, Redondo Beach, supported funding for a pickleball facility at Aviation.

Sue Gallagher, Redondo Beach, reviewed costs, and said she would rather spend her money in Redondo Beach.

John Aguilar, Redondo Beach, supported pickleball courts in Redondo Beach at Aviation, drawing in people, providing revenue and said there will be upcoming tournaments.

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

Braley Klatt, Jackie Glenn, Kate Korman-Soper, Page Sacks, Olivia McLaughlin, Samantha White, Sarah Shaholli, Kelley Mayeda, Kerry Smith, Karen Aguilar, and Wendy Rudick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi suggested a BRR on increasing the amount paid to a part-time recreation leader to help attract people to the positions for the City's After School REC program. City Manager Witzansky said the position will be advertised for a higher rate, if needed, and outreach is taking place. He also said it is important to manage expectations.

Councilmember Emdee informed that the after school program was free approximately 18 years ago and anyone could show up there, noted it has grown, and increasing the price of labor would be passed onto the parents. She suggested anyone interested in the position can obtain further information at redondo.org/jobs.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, City Manager Witzansky stated the ratio is 15 to 1 staff ratio currently, noting there is staffing for 30 at each site and 45 at two of the eight sites.

Councilmember Loewenstein supported the recreation program and noted it is difficult to find personnel due to competing interests right now. He also asked about the paving in the harbor and suggested looking at colored paving on an interim basis. City Manager Witzansky stated \$200K would be needed beyond the proposed \$500K appropriation to consider pavers or more decorative features.

Councilmember Loewenstein noted competing interests involved in the budget and said Aviation Park sat empty for about 40 years after Aviation High School left, and noted interests have to be balanced. He supported pickleball and finding a good location and solution for it and suggested being patient on a solution.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested coloring different areas of asphalt and asked about the costs per square yard for different forms of paint. City Manager Witzansky said the budget has a Decision Package for \$450K for Citywide striping and the Capital Project Account has a comparable number, fully funding striping and painting the roads in a single year, including costs for painting per square footage/yard basis. He said painting the boardwalk would be an easy solution and making sure it doesn't create a slip and fall situation. He also suggested decorative striping but reflectivity would be needed to address the heat issue.

City Engineer Winje said the cost would be \$4/square foot for paint based on last year's proposal and \$80K to \$100K for paint which has to be maintained. He suggested investing in something more permanent.

City Manager Witzansky suggested stamped or colored concrete and the \$200K could get it done with a higher quality surface.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referred to the homelessness issue and suggested BCHD provide a report to Council at a future meeting on their status. City Manager Witzansky said the Health District is considering appropriating \$50K towards mental health services in the City.

City Attorney Webb informed that the City combines with Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach with many of the grant funded applications and have additional housing navigators that are shared but noted the benefit of the City obtaining its own navigator. He also reviewed the BRR and suggested Council review it.

In response to Councilmember Emdee, City Manager Witzansky stated the parking garage is in Uplands. Councilmember Emdee noted Tideland funds can only be spent in the Tidelands area, the Upland fund and General Fund. She said the budget is about priorities and the needs of the community and said pickleball has to get on the CIP list to avoid it being a 15-year project, and believed that Aviation Park would be a good location for pickleball.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi agreed that a pool would not be affordable at this point and suggested it is much less expensive as presented in the BRR and supported the pickleball courts at Aviation Park. He also asked about the re-pavement of Grant unfunded onto the CIP. City Manager Witzansky noted Grant Avenue Pedestrian Improvements of \$650K on the unfunded plan. City Engineer Winje said Grant Avenue paving was considered during the deferred maintenance conservations but it was not on the CIP list from last year.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, City Attorney Webb said the City can move homelessness response to another service/department via another city attorney. City Attorney Webb said it can be removed but his office would then not be working on the crisis. He noted a transition is still needed so it can be appropriately handled, possibly when in a less crisis situation.

Motion by Councilmember Emdee, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to receive and file the Budget Response Reports and the PowerPoint presentations and to continue the Public Hearing to June 21, 2022. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

L.2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AMENDING REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE (RBMC) TITLE 10 CHAPTER 2 ZONING AND LAND USE AND TITLE 10 CHAPTER 5 COASTAL LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SETBACKS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, INCLUDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND DWELLING UNITS, AND STANDARDS FOR BUILDING AND OTHER PROJECTIONS IN ALL ZONES AND CONSIDERATION OF A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15308 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Open the public hearing and take testimony;**
- 2. Close the public hearing and deliberate;**
- 3. Introduce the following two ordinances: and**
- 4. Adopt the resolution submitting ordinance to the Coastal Commission;**

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3231-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ZONING AND LAND USE PERTAINING TO SETBACKS OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND OTHER PROJECTIONS IN ALL ZONES

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3232-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, COASTAL LAND USE IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SETBACKS OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND OTHER PROJECTIONS IN ALL ZONES

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2206-036 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COASTAL LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE (TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE) CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE COASTAL ACT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM WILL TAKE EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY UPON COASTAL COMMISSION APPROVAL PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 30514 AND TITLE 14, SECTION 13551 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to open the public hearing. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes gave a report discussed the code revisions.

- Accessory structures in residential zones current code
- Accessory structures in residential zones revised codes revised language
- Building and other projections in all zones revised code
- Recommendations

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi called for public comment.

Elaine Sieker asked City Council to prohibit equipment listed in the revision on accessory setbacks and encroachment. She expressed concern with noise from water softener machines, tankless water heater ventilation exhaust fans, and whole house canister vacuums, and suggested installing them in garages or roof top vents. She also asked Council to prohibit all equipment that emits noise be installed in the side setback areas and to put air conditioning units in the rear setback.

Robert Miguel opposed depending on manufacturer ratings to put legal limits on sound which has to be measured. He also said the City has a good sound ordinance in place and did not believe singling out air conditioners for specific sound or measure, noting it won't bother anyone until it gets to the property line, just like it states in the code. He also expressed concern with limiting it to just mini-splits.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes informed that air conditioners are not allowed in any of the required setbacks. She also said the mini-splits will not project significantly into the side yard because it is built into the wall and typically installed for cooling an individual room.

Councilmember Horvath said the sound of 70 decibels is similar to a dishwasher or a shower. He agreed with Mr. Miguel and the residents that have contacted him and disagreed with the Siekers. He noted every home and situation are different. He suggested more flexibility for residents and some discretion to administratively decide what makes the most sense in each situation and to allow for most air conditioner units.

Councilmember Emdee clarified that air conditioners and ventilation fans are under the mechanical category and water heaters, tankless water heaters and water softeners are under the plumbing category, and everything is being allowed in the rear setback which is new. She said all plumbing up to 30 inches and mini-split air conditioners are being allowed up to 30 inches in the side setback, and screening is required for everything. She said the Siekers are focusing on the tankless water heaters and water softeners for the plumbing in the side setback.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes indicated the concern from the Siekers is the ventilation exhaust fans which are mechanical and not being specified as allowed in the side setback. She indicated

making this more specific suggesting "other mechanical equipment is not allowed in the side setback except for the mini-splits." Mayor Pro Tem Obagi suggested "plumbing equipment except a water softener may project up to".

Councilmember Loewenstein agreed that water heaters have to vent upwards, agreed with Mr. Miguel and Councilmember Horvath but expressed concern with banning air conditioning for those who need it. He said corner homes may be different due to their configuration and asked about a window unit. Community Development Director Brandy Forbes said it's not a permanent install and does not require a permit.

Councilmember Loewenstein said it is important to keep decibel levels low and the back yard may not be the solution due to impacts to the neighbors and also noted some homes are very long. He also observed that some regular condenser units run quieter than mini-splits.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi referred to subsection 3 and suggested limiting it to 55 decibels regardless of having a manufacture rating or not.

Councilmember Nehrenheim expressed concern with the accuracy of the decibel levels suggested by the manufacturer and suggested the City code state 55 decibels, and also suggested having units on the roof.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes reviewed concerns with having an install on the roof and balconies.

Councilmember Nehrenheim asked about fire issues. Community Development Director Brandy Forbes stated water heaters are allowed but the limitation is projecting up to 30 inches or half the required, whichever is less, providing some space. She further said front yard installs are not that common.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, that under Subsection 3 to state "mechanical equipment and plumbing equipment within the required setbacks shall not emit sound at a level greater than 55 decibels or have a manufacturer rating exceeding 55 decibels" and under Section 2 to state "plumbing equipment except water softeners may project and air conditioners may project up to one-half or 30 inches."

Amended Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Emdee that staff make the revisions and that this item be continued to the July 5th City Council meeting. 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL OF A THIRD EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

RECEIVE AND FILE THE THIRD EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE BEACH ACCESS RAMP AT ESPLANADE AND AVENUE A TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY
CONTACT: BRANDY FORBES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes gave a report and update on the extension to the Emergency Coastal Development Permit issued for the temporary closure of the Los Angeles County Beach Access Ramp at Esplanade and Avenue A to protect public safety.

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 Horvath, to receive and file the report. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - NONE

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO CLARIFICATION OR REVISIONS TO RESOLUTION No. CC-2204-022, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilmember Loewenstein asked for clarification on the number of times the members can meet and if they can meet remotely. He suggested meeting twice a month and being able to meet remotely.

City Manager Witzansky said there is a BRR for commissioners meeting in a hybrid format but said extra staff resources may be needed.

City Attorney Webb said the Committee felt the communication is not the same between the members as it would be in person. He suggested changing the resolution that the Committee shall meet at least once a month to allow for more flexibility.

Mayor Pro Tem Obagi suggested the alternates not be required to come in person and the City Attorney need not be the person to audit them all the time.

Councilmember Nehrenheim suggested adding in the resolution the current teleconferencing rules just for the Charter, and change the order of the administrative items.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to add the following items to the Resolution:

- Teleconferencing rules from Council to Charter Review Committee
- Charter Review Committee shall meet at least once a month to deal with the City Attorney's position and administrative changes at the same time or in parallel
- Charter Review Committee set their own agenda as discussed
- Charter Review Committee provide a report every two months on the consent calendar to update Council

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Emdee, to change the language in the resolution to meet at least once a month.

Substitute Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, that the Charter Review Committee shall meet at least once a month, report back to Council on or before November 1, 2022, alternates not be required to attend and may participate remotely, and allowing the Committee to decide on discussions and priorities.

Motion carried, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Loewenstein, Mayor Pro Tem Obagi
NOES: Horvath, Emdee
ABSENT: None

City Clerk Manzano confirmed there were no public comments on this item.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to bring back a discussion/review of the ordinance about electronic signage/video boards by the end of July. There being no objection, motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Emdee requested an update on having a cannabis task force and hiring someone to create an ordinance. City Manager Witzansky stated HDL has been hired to draft a cannabis tax ordinance for the City ballot in March, reviewing the draft language in the current ordinance and providing input, not redrafting what the committee has put together. He also said the ordinance will come back the first meeting in July.

Senior Deputy City Attorney Jillian Martins clarified that the HDL agreement will come back on June 21, not July 21 and the cannabis ordinance will come back in July.

R. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – NONE

T. ADJOURNMENT: 11:34 P.M.

ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA DREIZLER, LONG-TIME REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT, CITY EMPLOYEE AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

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 11:34 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 21, 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,


Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk