

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, May 23, 2022**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Public Works Commission was held in Redondo Beach Council Chambers at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California and via teleconference and was called to order by Chair Simpson at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Arrata, Bajaj, Garcia, Glass, Vice Chair Minne, Chair Simpson

Commissioners Absent: Funabashi

Officials Present: Ted Semaan, Public Works Director  
Andrew Winje, City Engineer

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Glass led in the Salute to the Flag.

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Commissioner Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Glass, to approve the order of the agenda. Hearing no objections, Chair Simpson so ordered.*

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None**

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER**

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**F.2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022**

*Motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Glass, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Hearing no objections, Chair Simpson so ordered.*

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None**

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

**J.1. FELTON LANE AND RUHLAND AVENUE ALL-WAY STOP CONTROLS**

City Engineer Andrew Winje narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the proposed project; discussed a survey sent to residents within one hundred fifty feet of the subject intersection; addressed results of the survey; spoke about guidance from the Caltrans Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), details of Criteria A through D and other considerations; listed the proposed improvements and provided recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding basing the criteria on collision history and collection of traffic collision data.

Chair Simpson invited public comments.

Doug Thompson (via Zoom) spoke in support of the proposed project; noted there have been several unrecorded accidents in the intersection over the years and reported there was a car that jumped the curb and nearly hit his residence.

There were no other public comments and Chair Simpson closed public comments on this item.

*Motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to recommend to City Council to approve the installation of all-way stop controls at the intersection of Felton Lane and Ruhland Avenue. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Funabashi, absent.*

**J.2. UPDATE TO COUNCIL APPROVED TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY**

City Engineer Winje narrated a PowerPoint presentation with an update of City Council's approved traffic calming policy.

Discussion followed regarding clarification of the All-way Stop Request Flowchart, consideration of staff's safety assessment, initiation of a survey by the City and the survey response threshold, focusing on customer service and managing expectations, analyzing traffic patterns, the possibility of tracking requests online, the Traffic Calming Request Flowchart, review of the report by the City Attorney and City Council's prerogative in making final decisions.

Members of the Commission commended staff for developing the various flowcharts, noting they help in explaining the process and making it user-friendly.



*Motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Arrata, to receive and file the Administrative Report. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Funabashi, absent.*

#### **K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Glass referenced the light rail along Hawthorne Boulevard and asked whether MTA must replace trees if they are removed by the construction of the light rail.

Public Works Director Semaan, noted that if and when the project gets implemented and the alternate route happens to be along Hawthorne Boulevard, the City will comment or place a condition that any impacted trees be replaced.

Commissioner Glass noted that after construction, streets are usually patched but reported that often, over time, those patches subside, and asked whether contractors are liable to repair the patches. City Engineer Winje reported the work has a one-year warranty and contractors must repair them within one year.

In addition, Commissioner Glass asked about the possibility of replacing some stop signs with yield signs. Public Works Director Semaan responded affirmatively but noted liability concerns that must be addressed. Commissioner Glass reported that many eBike riders do not stop for signs and asked about regulation of eBikes in the City. Public Works Director Semaan reported eBike riders are under obligation to obey all traffic laws.

Vice Chair Minne spoke about drought concerns and requested a report/presentation on City projects and efforts in response to the drought.

City Engineer Winje reported he will ask Cal Water to make a presentation to the Commission in the near future.

Commissioner Garcia commended staff on the condition of the City's streets and infrastructure.

Discussion followed regarding the gray water effort, extension of recycled water and the recycled water provider's communication that the project is not feasible.

Commissioner Arrata asked for information regarding the City's policy relative to identifying and marking red curbs.

Chair Simpson requested an update on the status of the intersection at Artesia and Rindge and City Engineer Winje presented a brief update of the project.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Bajaj, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Hearing no objections, Chair Simpson so ordered.*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Works Commission to be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 27, 2022, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Ted Semaan', is written over a horizontal line.

Ted Semaan  
Public Works Director